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## Briefly

### Comedy play

Summerstage will present "Three Bags Full," a French farce by Jerome Chodorov, in six performances.

Feb. 19, 20, 25 and 28 performances will cost \$6.

Feb. 26 and 27 will be dinner-theater performances. Tickets are \$15 for the dinner and show.

All performances will be at the Summerstage Playhouse, 2906 Pershing Blvd., Granite City.

Dinner theater begins at 6 p.m. and regular performances will be at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, the number is 451-1032.

Reservations are strongly suggested, particularly for the dinner theaters.

### Chili and soup

The Good Shepherd United Methodist Men will hold a chili and soup dinner from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Good Shepherd Church, 3025 National Ave. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

### Chili on Monday

For the first time in its 50-year history, Granite City DeMolays' annual chili day was postponed Tuesday due to snow and cold weather. It will be held instead next Monday, Feb. 22.

Hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Masonic temple, 50th Street and Cleveland Boulevard. All-you-can-eat homemade chili will be served along with dessert and coffee, milk or soda. It is the James Stuart DeMolay Chapter's main fund-raiser each year.

## Deaths

Ruby Berry  
A.M. Bradford  
Allen Cox  
Hilbert Fisher  
Lottie Gerlinger  
Ronald Hatley  
Carl Morris  
Ersal O'Dell  
James Pantagis  
Edward Trittschuh

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## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
Feb. 17: 2-7-7; Pick 4: 3-2-6-7  
Little Lotto Game  
03-04-05-07-26  
Lotto Game  
05-18-24-34-36-37  
Feb. 18: 3-7-4; Pick 4: 6-2-2-1  
Feb. 15: 5-8-1; Pick 4: 0-4-4-3  
Little Lotto Game  
07-12-14-22-26  
Feb. 14: 4-4-7; Pick 4: 8-6-9-2  
Feb. 13: 3-8-6; Pick 4: 5-2-9-7  
Lotto Game  
06-12-16-24-26-46

## 75 years ago

Feb. 19, 1918  
A new law effective this year does away with township tax collectors and transfers their duties to the county treasurer. It also limits each township to one highway commissioner.

## Trivia

What was the total for bills paid from the Madison general fund for Feb. 3-16?

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# Hamm's role at hearing assailed

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Madison Alderman John Hamm's loyalties to the city in the current police contract dispute, came under heavy fire at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Citing Hamm's testimony as a witness "on behalf of the union" at a Dec. 29 arbitration hearing on the police contract, Alderman George Amisch, chairman of the Negotiating Committee, unsuccessfully asked that Hamm be excluded from a closed session of the council Tuesday.

In the closed session, the aldermen established the city's final contract offer to the police union. The arbitrator will now choose either the city's final offer or the union's final request.

Hamm, a mayor candidate, was also criticized for his Dec. 29 testimony at the Jan. 5 City Council meeting. City Attorney Casper Nighossian said Tuesday that although he "had real problems" with Hamm testifying at the arbitration hearing, there was no proof of "official misconduct" on Hamm's part and that Hamm could not be excluded

from the closed session. Hamm, running for mayor against Mayor John Bellcoff, called the issue "a carefully and skillfully orchestrated political attack" and sarcastically lauded Nighossian for his competence in engineering it in a way "to put it on the floor in front of the public and in front of the press" without having to prove any wrongdoing on Hamm's part. Amisch is running for re-election with Bellcoff's slate of candidates. Amisch, who gave out transcripts of Hamm's Dec. 29 testimony, said Hamm's

testimony indicated Hamm has allegiance to both sides of the dispute. Amisch said he felt uncomfortable having someone with an allegiance to the union's side involved in a discussion of the city's strategies and final offer. "Throughout our negotiations it seems like someone was telegraphing our every move to



Hamm  
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Winter fun — Ten-year-old Emily Falther used her day off from school Tuesday to go sledding with some friends at the Interstate 270 overpass on Old Alton Road in Mitchell. More photos and story on Page 3A.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

## Melton appointment denied

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

For the first time in Mayor Von Dee Cruse's nearly eight years in office, the City Council refused to confirm one of his appointments.

The council voted 8-6 Tuesday night not to confirm the re-appointment of Edward "Dewey" Melton to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

The roll call vote was asked for after a voice vote had apparently confirmed the appointment unanimously.

After the City Council vote, Cruse exercised his executive power to appoint Melton temporarily, for the next 30 days.

Melton's term officially expired May 1, 1992, but he has continued to serve on the three-member board, apparently unchallenged.

He has been a commissioner since May 1989 and has served in the past as the board's chairman.

While there were no audible dissenters in a voice vote to confirm Melton, Alderman Dan Partney stood up immediately after the vote and said that he would like to vote "no." Partney said that a new mayor, to take office May 1 of this year, should be able to select his own appointed officers.

Partney was concerned about that, too," responded Cruse, who is not seeking re-election.

"When I was elected mayor (nearly eight years ago), I made some changes. I'm sure that the new mayor, whoever he is, will want to do that, too."

"But I have been assured by all the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that, if the new mayor wishes them to do so, they will submit their resignation," Cruse said.

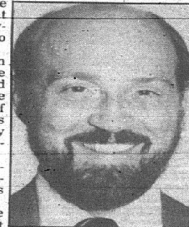
But Partney apparently questioned whether the commissioners would do so.

"With all due respect, Mayor, it seems to me there's possibly other things involved here," Partney said.

After Alderman Judy Whitaker then said that she would vote "no" as well, the roll was called.

Voting against confirming the appointment were: Partney and Whitaker; mayoral candidates Paul Fisk, Jeff Worthen and Dan Brown; and

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Melton

## Leaf drop-off bins are closed

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

An environmental program that has saved Granite City residents thousands of dollars over the past two years has been canceled.

Street Superintendent Clayton "Jug" Harrison said Tuesday night that the city's tree leaf and grass drop-off bins have been closed.

The City Council's Sanitation Committee established the voluntary leaf and grass drop-off program in the fall of 1991.

Alderman Judy Whitaker, chairman of the committee said, the program was canceled due to the inability of the street department to clean out the bins on a regular basis and because

"abuses by a few uncooperative residents ruined the program for the rest of us."

Some residents had begun utilizing the yard waste drop-off bins to discard unwanted auto parts and other debris, Whitaker said.

Alderman Craig Tarpoft and Mayor Von Dee Cruse both said the program was a good idea in theory.

"I agree this program would be great if only grass and leaves (were discarded at the sites). But this other trash presents a problem. There has got to be a better way to do this," Cruse said.

"If we were able to clean (the bins) out on a regular basis, there would be no problem. But



Harrison

Cruse

we haven't been able to do that and, as a result, this system is not working," Cruse said.

Tarpoft pointed out that "tens of thousands" of loads of yard waste have been dropped off at the locations, leaving residents "thousands of dollars" in fees to private waste haulers.

The program was established as an alternative for residents paying hefty prices to private waste handlers to haul away leaves and grass.

The private haulers established fees several years ago after the state banned the introduction of yard waste into landfills. Burning of leaves is banned in the city.

Since the time that the drop-off program was established, Whitaker has obtained grants from Madison County to purchase two leaf loaders.

Harrison has promised to come up with a leaf program utilizing that equipment by spring.

Citing environmental and health concerns, the city decided

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## Council members back permanent tax surcharge

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

City officials from Granite City and across Illinois are urging state leaders to make a temporary tax on residents a permanent fixture.

The Granite City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday urging the legislature and Gov. Jim Edgar to make the temporary state income tax surcharge permanent.

The surcharge was adopted in

1989. Portions of the funds have been distributed to municipalities and school districts since that time, but the surcharge is due to expire June 30, 1993.

"It would be a hardship to attempt to continue to provide services without this funding," said Alderman Casmer Skubish.

The Illinois Municipal League is urging municipalities to pressure state officials into making the tax permanent, with private

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## Juvenile home tax will go on ballot

Madison County voters will decide in April whether a new \$4 million juvenile detention home will be built.

After two years of delays by the county and threats of legal action by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the County Board voted 20-4 Tuesday to ask voters for permission to impose a 2-cent tax to pay for construction of a new juvenile center.

The tax rate of 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation would be used to pay off a \$4 million bond issue over 20 years. Once the bonds were repaid, the tax would cease.

The 2-cent juvenile home tax would mean an additional \$5 a year in taxes for the owner of a \$75,000 house.

"We're not going to get any more delays, and we've got to do something with (the juvenile center)," Board Member Herbert "Junior" Milton of Granite City said.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has repeatedly threatened to sue if the juvenile home is not brought up to code.

The 21-bed home was built in 1989 but has been hampered over the last several years by prob-

lems with inadequate toilet facilities, overcrowding and a lack of fire sprinklers.

Board members appear to be leaning toward building a 40-bed home, but the size and design have yet to be decided.

Board Member Al Charleston of Alton, one of two committee members to oppose the proposed tax increase last week, changed his mind Tuesday and voted in favor of the plan.

"The only thing I have against it is our inability to come up with concrete costs," he said before the vote.

The chairman of three committees have pledged to provide more information before the April 20 election so members can answer constituents' questions.

Board Member Bob Stille of Edwardsville argued that the county has no need for a home larger than 15 beds, the average number of Madison County juveniles at the center.

The remaining beds usually are occupied by out-of-county youths, a responsibility which Stille said Madison County should not assume.

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Valentine couple — Colonial Care Center's 1993 Valentine king, Walter Dohr, is crowned by Kathy Nohl as queen Mae McCormick watches.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



# Edgar denies Venice man's clemency plea

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Jim Edgar has rejected a clemency request from a former Madison County jailer in prison for cocaine dealing.

Edgar denied, without comment, the petition of Richard King, 45, of Venice, who is serving an 11-year sentence. King sought to have his sentence commuted to time served.

King, who was on the other side of the bars at a Madison County Sheriff's Department jailer from 1982 to 1989, is not eligible to be released from state prison until at least February 1996.

In his petition to the governor, King said he has been the drug addiction that caused him to become a dealer and "I have seen the depths of depravity drugs can drive a man's soul to."

His wife Patricia also wrote an emotional letter to the state

Prisoner Review Board and the governor pleading for the release of her husband. She said she is being treated for chronic renal failure and other serious health problems and will need kidney dialysis treatment. She also said she and her minor child have been forced to move into a one-bedroom house where they live with six other people.

A petition signed by 44 residents of Madison and Venice supporting King's release was also included.

The clemency request was strongly opposed by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. State's Attorney William Haine said freeing King would "mean that one who receives the trust of the people as a member of the sheriff's department of Madison County will not be punished for a dereliction of duty."

Assistant State's Attorney Richard Rybak also sent a letter

of opposition. "The state believes (King) is a large-scale drug dealer who must be kept off the streets," the letter said.

He also noted police found a loaded .38-caliber revolver on King and 15 bags of cocaine in his car when he was arrested in 1989 while on probation for selling drugs in an arrest the previous year.

Rybak said King "should have gone to the penitentiary after being caught dealing crack cocaine the first time but he was given a second chance by the judge."

Edgar also rejected a clemency petition for a reduction of sentence to time served sought by Brian Rothe, 22, of Edwardsville.

Rothe is serving an 18-year sentence for attempted first-degree murder and three counts of armed robbery for crimes committed in 1983.

The charges stemmed from an abduction at gunpoint of a 16-year-old at Hardee's Restaurant in Edwardsville, who Rothe then stabbed in the neck, and armed robberies of The Store in Edwardsville and Union 76 gas station in Pontoon Beach.

Rothe said his crimes resulted from abusing drugs from the age of 13 and that he had learned his lesson and wanted to be released to his parents.

Letters of support were submitted by Rothe's parents, a Sunday school teacher, and two friends.

Rybak sent in a letter of objection saying the sentence given Rothe was "probably too lenient" and "the state's attorney's office feels that he poses a substantial threat to the public at large."

From the Alton Telegraph

## Police log

### Granite City

#### Domestic arrest made

Vincent E. Bonvicino, 30, of the Parktowne West Mobile Home Park, was arrested at 2:19 a.m. Feb. 12 for domestic battery.

He allegedly slapped Teri L. Bonvicino, 26, of the same address, in the face with his hand.

He was lodged pending \$107 bail.

#### Four charges are filed

Teresa L. Pakes, 28, of the 3300 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. Feb. 12 for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, improper lane usage and driving while her license is suspended.

An officer stopped a blue 1982 Pontiac Firebird at East 28th Street and Nameoki Road.

Pakes, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged. She was lodged pending \$307 bail.

#### Arrested at tavern

Vernon D. Blankenship, 41, of the 2100 block of Hemlock Avenue, was arrested at 11:33 p.m. Feb. 14 for battery.

Blankenship allegedly cursed at, spit at and punched 36-year-old woman in the face at Ken's Lounge, 1539 20th St., according to a police report.

He was lodged pending \$107 bail.

#### Charged with burglary

Tammy D. Bazzell, 21, of the 2400 block of Hemlock Avenue, reported to the Granite City Police Station at 4:35 a.m. Feb. 14 on a Madison County warrant charging her with burglary.

#### Arrested for battery

Daniel W. Manning, 32, of the 1300 block of Meridian Street, was arrested at 2:16 a.m. Feb. 14 for domestic battery. He allegedly hit his 39-year-old wife on the head with his fist.

Manning was lodged pending \$107 bail.

#### Arrest follows crash

Larry A. Mariette, 39, of the 1300 block of Edwardsville Road, was arrested at 12:15 a.m. Feb. 14 for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an acci-

dent.

An officer responding to an accident at 14th Street and Edwardsville Road reported finding a blue 1985 Renault Alliance.

Mariette, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

#### Weapon charges filed

John A. Kershaw, 42, of Parktowne West Mobile Home Park, was arrested at 10:21 p.m. Feb. 13 for unlawful use of a weapon and failure to possess a firearm owner's identification card.

Kershaw was arrested at the Sports Tap Tavern, 916 Niedrahaus Ave., where he had allegedly flourished a gun, according to a police report.

A snub-nose revolver, with five unspent rounds in the cylinder, was found in the waistband of his pants, a report states.

Kershaw was lodged pending \$214 bail.

#### Slow driver charged

Jay W. Barnett, 39, of Alton, was arrested at 4:29 a.m. Feb. 13 for driving under the influence of alcohol and unlawful use of a weapon.

An officer reported seeing a black 1984 Chevrolet pickup truck traveling between 25 and 30 miles per hour and drifting off the side of the road in a 55-mph zone on Highway 3 at North Street.

Barnett, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

A .32-caliber automatic pistol was found inside his jacket pocket, according to a police report.

Barnett was lodged pending \$209 bail.

#### Husband is charged

Larry G. Dusky, 32, of the 2600 block of Lincoln Avenue, was arrested at 4:10 a.m. Feb. 13 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have pulled his wife's hair, according to a police report.

#### Sexual abuse alleged

Lance O. Austin, 34, of the 100 block of Whittell Way, was arrested at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 12 on a warrant charging him with aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Based on the warrant is \$75,000.

Austin is alleged to have sexually abused a child between the ages of 13 and 17 years during the summer of 1991, according to an information.

## •Bins

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to prohibit leaf burning two years ago.

During the first year of the drop-off program, one site — the Street Department building on Adams Street — was established.

When a mountain of leaves built up there due to widespread participation in the program, it became evident that more sites would be necessary.

Nine drop-off points were established last fall, but one by one they began to close as a result of residents' complaints filed with the county's environmental agency. The last two sites were closed Friday.

Estalee Smith, a resident of the 2300 block of Delta Avenue who complained to the City Council on Tuesday night about one of the two remaining drop-off sites, said that the areas had become "dump sites" where residents had discarded furniture, automobile tires and other debris.

They cannot (be) and are not maintained. They are an eyesore," Smith told the council.

She presented a petition with signatures of nearby residents

urging the closure of the facility.

"I recognize the need for this service due to state law. But I'm sure there are more suitable sites in Granite City," Smith said.

"I am truly sorry we had this problem," Whitaker told Smith.

Harrison has said that manpower and equipment problems prevented the bins from being cleaned on a regular basis.

Alderman Dan Partney, chairman of the City Council's Street and Alley Committee, said that while the city's budget calls for 29 Street Department employees, only 23 are currently working.

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Six employees are not working since 1990 and another since 1991, Partney said.

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**Christmas in April donation** — Nelson King, right, of the Pontoon Beach Lions Club, presents a \$500 check to Burel Schmisser, president of Christmas in April, for this year's campaign. Christmas in April of the Tri-Cities Area, a non-profit volunteer organization, will repair homes for five low-income, handicapped or elderly families on April 24, 1993. Individuals or businesses wishing to volunteer or donate materials or funds may contact Christmas in April at 876-4746.

## •Ballot

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However, Board Member H. Jack Frandsen, sponsor of the proposed tax increase, said a larger center would eventually be necessary.

"Some people thought we overbuilt with the jail and look where we're at right now," he said. The County Jail, opened in 1979, is often above its capacity of 158.

Other counties are charged \$70 a day per person kept at the Madison County juvenile home. This pumps between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year into the home's

annual \$950,000 budget.

Frandsen said that money is crucial to pay day-to-day operating costs.

Board members beat a Tuesday night deadline for putting the tax-increase referendum on the April 20 ballot.

Voting for the proposal were Frandsen, Charleston, Milton, Don Rea of Pontoon Beach, Darrell Riley of Alton, Bill Aery of Godfrey, Tony Bosch of Wood River, Rudy Papa of Bethalto, Jack Orrill of Godfrey, Tony Payne of Wood River, Alan Dunstan of Troy, Homer Henke of Moro, Roy Romine of Granite City, William "Skip" Krumeich

of Edwardsville, Frank Laub of Granite City, Don Garrett of Madison, James Fitzgerald of Collinsville, Mike Semanin of Maryville, Vergil Fletcher of Collinsville and Kent Scheibel of Edwardsville.

Voting against were Stille, Dick Worthen of Alton, Harold Byers of Highland and Nick Hamilos of Edwardsville.

Board members Bill Little of Alton, Dennis Dubele of Rosewood Heights, Mike Fruth of Edwardsville and Charles "Tim" Knott of Mitchell were absent.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Minority students win chemistry grant at SIUE

A \$12,000 grant from Monsanto Corporation for minority students studying chemistry at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will not only help those students but also begins a relationship with the international chemical giant, according to W.M. Haynes, director of Monsanto's Physical Sciences Center and the corporation's external research and development funding program.

Haynes said that relationship should benefit the entire SIUE chemistry department.

The \$12,000 gift will supplement National Science Foundation funding for SIUE's Minority Student Initiative, coordinated by Professor Emili Jasson, chair of the SIUE department of chemistry.

Jasson said is seeking additional funding from the university to supplement NSF and Monsanto

funding for the minority student initiative program in the department of chemistry.

About 15 percent of our undergraduate chemistry students are minorities and about a third of our graduate students are minorities," Jasson said. "This program also gives us opportunities to recruit students from outside our area. And, Monsanto's generosity is helping to expand our goals."

"I would fall short of my responsibilities if I didn't reappoint someone who played a big part in that."

City Attorney Mark Goldenberg said that neglecting to reappoint Melton last year would have no effect on any actions taken by the board since the time Melton's term expired.

Melton, 52, is a former Granite City School Board member, having served as its president, and is currently chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Other members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are Leland Ambuehl, chairman, and Roger Miller.

Appointments to the board are for three-year, staggered terms. The omission last May is being attributed to an oversight.

## •Melton

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Aldermen Casmer Skubish, Ginny O'Beare and Sandy Crites. Mayoral candidate Walter Milton and Aldermen Jim Miller, Andy Timko, Tom Candler, Juanita Crawley and Craig Tarpo favored the appointment.

Cruse said after the meeting that he was "surprised, but not totally" at the result of the vote.

He said "political thinking" played a role in the matter.

Melton is the brother of Assessor Darlene Laub. His wife, Karen, is a precinct committeewoman.

"Since I have been mayor, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has set a high standard," Cruse said.

## Housing fees rising at SIUE

A 3- to 7-percent increase in housing rental rates for students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville was proposed recently to the SIUE Board of Trustees. If approved by the board at the March 11 meeting, the new rates will become effective summer term.

Also proposed is a change in single student rental rates based on an academic term rather than a monthly basis. The conversion is based on equivalencies of 4.5 months per academic semester and 2.5 months for a summer term. The academic calendar at SIUE will be converted to the semester plan, beginning Aug. 23.

University officials said the rental increases are necessary to continue a special program of repairs and maintenance and to offset increases in operating costs.

Under the proposal, the rental rate for a single student would increase from \$185 per month for a two-bedroom, four-student unit to \$750 per semester and \$415 for a summer term. The rental rate for family housing would increase from \$385 per month for a two-bedroom, unfurnished apartment, to a new rate of \$397 per month. Rates for other facilities would be increased accordingly.

## \$8 million city balance

The city of Granite City had a total balance of \$8,091,201 in various governmental accounts as of Dec. 31, 1992, according to City Treasurer Gail Valle's monthly report.

Balances of the city funds, according to the report, were:

General Fund	\$1,325,325
Drug Prev. Fund	\$21,099
MFT Fund	\$231,188
Health Plan Fund	\$129,532
TIF Fund	\$452,598
TIF Taxable Bond Fund	\$1,370,564
TIF Non-Tax. Bond Fund	\$241,472
Sewer Treat. Plant Fund	\$3,299,699
Capital Imp. Fund	\$419,814

The total balance is a decrease of \$602,518 from the Nov. 30, 1992 balance, according to the report.

"Totals may not agree due to rounding."

## •Tax

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needs being earmarked for schools and cities.

Local governments are currently receiving about \$240 million per year from the measure. Granite City's portion of those revenues is about \$800,000.

Skubish cited unfunded state mandates as a reason to adopt the measure.

"For too many years, (the legislature) has been passing these programs on to municipalities without funding," Skubish said.

While voters across the state overwhelmingly passed an advisory resolution in November urging lawmakers to refrain from unfunded mandates, the legislature regularly exempts itself from a law prohibiting such programs, Skubish said.

Alderman Jeff Worthen, a member of the City Council's Finance Committee, said that state leaders need to act so that cities know how to prepare their

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# 'Incomprehensible' property tax system faces criticism

By Mike Mosser  
Correspondent

Taxpayers are so perplexed by local property taxes that the Illinois General Assembly needs to step in to create some order, a taxpayer group says.

"The property tax is a tax that confuses and confounds people," Jim Nowlan, president of the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, said.

"The property tax has a lot of faults." The faults include, he said, a "haunting number of taxing bodies" including many obscure boards and districts among the 4,000 statewide; a rate-setting procedure that only experts understand; and a protest procedure that intimidates most taxpayers.

He criticized the property tax as being regressive because it is not based on the ability of the property owner to pay.

But changing a system that takes \$10 billion a year into local coffers, by far the largest tax revenue source, won't be easy, Nowlan conceded.

Two options would be increasing sales taxes and increasing the state income tax and distributing more revenue to municipalities, Nowlan said he endorses either option.

"I think the legislators want to make the system work better," and we had 50 legislators attend a seminar that we put on a week ago. So there's a lot of interest," he said.

"I think it's coming, but it will take a while because it's such a complicated subject."

The property tax is a tax that confuses and confounds people. The property tax has a lot of faults.

— Jim Nowlan  
Taxpayers' group head

Some legislators and Gov. Jim Edgar have called for caps to annual property tax hikes.

Nowlan said the legislature should reduce the dependence of local governments on property taxes and require notification of projected tax bills when districts are considering tax levies.

His group will also lobby for easier appeals of assessments, reducing the number of local taxing bodies and hiring professional property appraisers.

Bob Harris, supervisor of assessments for Madison County, said reducing the reliance on property taxes would be a welcome change.

"In my position, any time someone's tax bill goes up, the assessments are done or anything else, we're the ones that catch all kinds of complaints that we're increasing taxes," he said. "I've never raised a tax bill in my position."

Nowlan said the reason people complain is the system is incomprehensible.

Taking the total amount of property taxes they can collect in the district a year before taxpayers actually pay their individual bills. The levies are also set before property assessments are

tabulated. Therefore, the effect of the levy on the tax rate that a property owner will pay is not known.

Few taxpayers understand the system well enough to feel comfortable opposing tax levies, Nowlan said.

Before the levies are approved, his group wants taxing bodies to be required to inform property owners what their tax bills will be and the amount of increase over the previous year.

Harris said sending out notices wouldn't be a burden but would cost Madison County alone about \$70,000.

Larry McDaniel, Macoupin County supervisor of assessments, criticized a federation proposal to change the burden of proof in protests of property assessments.

Protesting taxpayers now must prove the assessment is wrong. The federation claims assessors should have to prove they're right.

"If you're going to do that, you may as well have people come in and put their own assessments on," McDaniel said, adding the assessors are fair and professional.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD) Hilary Watkins cleans the snow off her car in the 2500 block of Delmar after Monday's heavy snowfall.

## Lovely snow can also be deadly

Fluffy snow may be pleasing to the eye, but it can lead to death and disaster without proper precautions.

A few layers of clothing, a cabinet full of baby food and a full tank of gas can reduce the risks of associated with winter storms, according to Rob Summers of the American Red Cross.

"It's always wise to stay inside," she said. "But when it isn't an option, people need to use common sense."

Heart attacks, traffic deaths and hypothermia are common tragedies associated with strong winds, extreme cold and ice storms and snowstorms, she said.

"People don't realize how dangerous it can be just to go out and shovel the driveway," Summers said. "When they get out there and get busy, they start to sweat and get warm."

Then they start breathing in the cold air, which adds to the stress and can lead to heart attacks. Overweight people should be especially cautious. It doesn't take much to bring on a heart attack in the cold. There's no point in being a superhero.

Summers offered the following safety tips: Have in your home a supply of flashlights, batteries, radios, food, water, extra medicine and, if needed, baby items.

Heating fuel and an emergency heating source are recommended.

If heat is limited, close off unneeded rooms; stuff towels in cracks under doors and cover windows.

Eat plenty of food for energy and drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.

If stranded in a car, run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat. Crack the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Make yourself visible to rescuers by turning on the dome light at night when running the engine. Raise the hood to indicate trouble after the snow stops falling.

Exercise occasionally by vigorously moving arms, legs, fingers and toes to keep blood circulating and to keep warm.

If you are outside, cover all exposed parts of the body. Avoid eating snow because it lowers the body temperature.

For additional information on surviving a winter storm and being prepared, call the Red Cross at 465-7744.

To check road conditions, call the Illinois State Police at 346-3636.

— From the Alton Telegraph



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD) An Illinois Department of Transportation snowplow cleans off part of Highway 203 Tuesday afternoon.

## Elvis plates?

### Legislator wants to liven up plates

Elvis Presley, the king of rock and roll, may become the king of the road in the Land of Lincoln if a state legislator's idea to enliven bland license plates strikes a chord with colleagues.

Charging extra for colorful plates displaying Elvis, colleges and universities or the state bird, tree and animal would be a great way to raise money for important causes and put some pizzazz on the road, Rep. Clem Blannoff of Chicago said.

"People can give to a cause that they believe in, make a difference and get something that they'll enjoy," he said. "Illinois license plates are kind of drab."

Drab as in two-tone dull. The full-color plates would be

specially issued at a higher cost than regular license plates, probably about \$40 higher, with \$25 from each plate going to various funds.

Proceeds from Elvis plates would go to the Drug Abuse and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Fund. Money from college plates would boost the state's aid to school districts.

And the nature plates would provide money for cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

Blannoff said the state doesn't spend enough money on education or drug treatment and needs money for hazardous waste cleanup.

Maryland's "Treasure the Chesapeake" plate has raised more than \$5 million since 1980, and Florida garnered \$21.7

million from a plate commemorating the Challenger space shuttle, he said.

Motorists could sport their college alma maters on plates after at least 3,500 orders were received for a particular college. Elvis and the nature plates would not have a minimum order requirement.

The actual design of each plate would be up to the Secretary of State's Office. Blannoff said he got the idea of issuing an Elvis plate after the U.S. Postal Service's Elvis stamp was such a hit.

By the way, the state bird is the cardinal, the tree is the white oak and the favored animal is the white-tailed deer.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Local group seeks Armenian aid

A local Armenian church and the Armenian Relief Society are asking area residents for their help to feed hundreds of thousands of people starving as a result of severe weather and civil unrest in the former Soviet Union.

St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church in Granite City and the local Armenian Relief Society are conducting a food and medical supplies drive Feb. 24-27.

The project is part of a national effort called Operation Winter Rescue, sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia and the Fund for Democracy and Development, a U.S. federal agency.

Steven Hagopian, spokesman for the Armenian National Committee in the St. Louis Region, said the project is seeking donations of food and medical supplies to help Armenians survive through a tough winter.

"Three ships are being made available by the U.S. government to transport the food, medical equipment and other items that are being collected throughout the 50 states," Hagopian said.

The drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24-26, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 at the St. Gregory's Armenian Cathedral, No. 10 Colonial Drive in Granite City.

Among the packaged, non-perishable food items being sought are pasta, rice, powdered milk, powdered eggs, sugar, dry beans, canned meats, hard candy, nuts, bulgur (cracked) wheat and dry soup.

Foodstuffs should be packaged in original, non-glass containers. Clean, new and used sleeping bags and blankets in good condition are also being sought, as well as medical and hospital supplies. Persons may call St. Gregory's Church at (618) 452-1915 for information.

The Rev. Vartan Kassabian, pastor at St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church, said the community rallied to help Armenia four years ago when an

earthquake ravaged the area.

"The people of the metro St. Louis area opened their hearts and helped after the tragic earthquake, which struck Armenia in December 1988."

"We are praying that they will again help us as we try to feed our fellow Armenians and help them and their struggling democracy survive the winter," Kassabian said.

"The people of Armenia are suffering like never before." Donations, made payable to St. Gregory's Armenian Church, may be mailed directly to the church. Donors should note "Operation Winter Rescue" on the checks.

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## Editorials

### Concerned dirt not needed

It's city election time and "Madison Voter," "Granite City Taxpayer" and the infamous "Concerned Citizen" have begun to peek out from under their rocks in order to splash around a little of the slime in which they dwell.

These slime-dwellers who hang out in the dark, damp corners of political campaigns — no self-respecting candidate will have anything to do with them — attack the character of candidates by using anonymous letters that purportedly tell "what everyone is afraid to say out loud."

At least three local candidates were victims of the slime-dwellers' slanders and slurs in the past week and, unfortunately, we can expect many more victims before the slime-dwellers crawl back under their rocks after the election.

If one of these slime-dwellers could be located and dragged — kicking and screaming "Free speech! Free speech!" — into the light, we would undoubtedly hear all about how it's the First Amendment that makes this country great.

It's true a democracy is based on having a free marketplace of ideas. In order to decide who is the best candidate, we need to know a candidate's opinions about issues. We need to hear a candidate's ideas concerning past practices and future plans. We need to know about a candidate's background and how that background may have shaped the ideas and opinions of the candidate.

The First Amendment makes this possible by allowing both the candidate and the citizens to question and be questioned without fear of legal retribution. To do this, the First Amendment acknowledges that there is no such thing as a false idea or a false opinion. Ideas and opinions can be unintelligent, unfair, illogical, downright stupid or even out-and-out wrong. But they cannot be false — people cannot be punished for having and expressing them.

So why are the slime-dwellers afraid to come out in public and defend their ideas and opinions?

Even if their ideas and opinions are unintelligent, unfair, illogical, downright stupid and out-and-out wrong — and they often are — they don't have to fear punishment. The First Amendment doesn't have an exclusion for slime-dwellers or anyone else.

It isn't punishment these slime-dwellers fear. They know their ideas and opinions are so obviously unintelligent, unfair, illogical, downright stupid and out-and-out wrong that anyone holding those opinions will be held up to public ridicule.

As well they should be. The slanders and slurs of anonymous letters have no place in democracy's free marketplace of ideas and opinions.

Everyone who receives the vile product of these slime-dwellers should immediately join up with the candidate being slandered, that candidate's opponents and all other right-minded citizens to bring these anonymous attacks to a halt.

Together we can expose these slime-dwellers and drive them back under the rocks from whence they came.

## Work skills key to wage growth

The following is by U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Illinois.

The past year marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Illinois' Paul Douglas, one of the great statesmen of the century. Most who recall his contributions think of his work in the Senate, but before he came to that body he had distinguished himself as an economist, particularly for his studies on wages.

The Cobb-Douglas theory of wages is still cited by economists, but few who cite it know that the Douglas half of that team was the famous senator.

I checked a book out of the Library of Congress he wrote in 1930 — "18 Years before he came to the Senate. Titles simply, 'Real Wages in the United States,' it is not as well known as another book he wrote, 'The Theory of Wages.'"

The book is a study of wages and living costs in the United States from 1890 to 1926. In some areas we have made progress; in other areas, not too much.

For example, the income of Americans in 1918 was divided by the author into seven groups. The top one-seventh spent 44 percent of their income on food. The top one-seventh spent 35 percent on food.

Today, thanks to the ingenuity and hard work of our nation's farmers, Americans averaged 11.5 percent of personal disposable income in 1991 food, according to the Department of Agriculture.

In the period of 1900 to 1914, unskilled labor lost earning power, while those with skills gained in earning power. Generally, that should be true. The nation needs to push education and the learning of skills more than we have.

Here is another Douglas observation, a comparison of 1892-1899 with 1926. Government employees and ministers have fared rather poorly during the period. Federal employees could purchase only 70 percent as much in 1892-1899, while postal employees could buy 96 percent as much. Ministers were 2 percent below the average for 1892-1899.

He noted that teachers were making 37 percent more, but the school year had been lengthened significantly. Other gains were by coal miners, 33 percent; farm labor, 11 percent; manufacturing workers, 7 percent; steam railway workers, 3 percent; and telephone employees, 1 percent.

Telegraph workers broke even. Losses were experienced by clerical workers, 4 percent; gas and electric workers, 20 percent.

Our society has changed dramatically since those days and, for most people, changed significantly for the better, though in the last decade there has been a substantial slowdown in income growth. This slowdown has been brought on primarily by the consequences of the federal deficit, and our failure to have sound investment policies.

The one clear lesson in the study of wages by Douglas is: Get an education. We should not need statistics to tell us that. Our instinct tells us that, and the economists and statisticians underscore it.

**Rights of people, animals different**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am outraged by a letter from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The writer said in one sentence, "However, the bottom line is that people who hurt and kill others for recreation. And her comparison of hunters to 'eco-terrorists' is unbelievable.

In that sentence, the word 'others' is a direct object referring to people. Hunters do not hunt people. Hunters do not hunt endangered species. Hunters do not practice wildlife management. Hunters started wildlife conservation in this great nation.

She is quoted as once having stated that, if she were driving down a road and a small boy and rat were in her path, she would be in a moral dilemma as to which one to hit. According to her, "a rat is a pig is a boy."

She is quoted as saying, "I love animals and respect them for what they are."



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## Letters

### Ways to prevent paralytic strokes

TO THE EDITOR:

There are many killers in America. But did you know that, every 34 seconds, an American dies from cardiovascular disease?

It's the No. 1 cause of death in America — almost as many as cancer, accidents, pneumonia, AIDS and all other causes of death combined.

Every year, the American Heart Association develops a nationwide campaign in February, American Heart Month, to help Americans learn about reducing their risks of heart disease and stroke.

This year's American Heart Month message: We offer a special incentive for learning warning signs of stroke, American's third leading cause of death.

The primary signal of a stroke is a sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm and/or leg on one side of the body.

Other signals include sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye; loss of speech, or trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden severe headache with no apparent cause; unexplained dizziness, or sudden falls, especially when associated with other neurologic symptoms.

Many strokes can be prevented by diagnosing and controlling hypertension (high blood pressure), since hypertension is a leading cause of stroke.

Sometimes major strokes are preceded by transient ischemic attacks or TIAs. These are "little strokes" whose effects are similar to the symptoms of a major stroke, except that they only last for a very short time.

Stroke can occur days, weeks or months before a severe stroke, and so should be considered warning signals. Prompt medical or surgical attention to these symptoms can prevent a major stroke.

This month, American Heart Association volunteers from Madison County are giving their time and talents to educate the members of our communities about stroke.

These volunteers, some of whom are probably your friends and neighbors, will also be raising funds to help support lifesaving research and education — the cornerstones of the American Heart Association's work.

I hope you will all join in supporting the work of the American Heart Association this February.

The American Heart Association is making a difference. You can, too.

BEVERLY BOEDEKER  
Madison Division  
American Heart Association

### Urges letters on state office here

TO THE EDITOR:

Being an employer and public official of Granite City, I strongly oppose the planned action of the Illinois Department of Employment Security to "downsize" the Granite City facility.

Many of our residents apply for unemployment benefits regularly due to their seasonal occupations such as construction workers, and layoffs due to plant closings, whether they be temporary or permanent.

Our full-size office has been servicing our residents for over 50 years. The unemployment rate for Granite City is higher than most areas in the state.

The proposed down-sizing will cause longer waiting lines for

claim filings and longer waits for benefit checks. If there is a problem with a claim, which often happens, a toll call to Edwardsville will be required.

If all but one office in the state, the public is allowed an in-person hearing to pursue unemployment benefits. This interview is very important for the employer and the claimant in making a correct decision.

If a person has to go to the Edwardsville office for help in finding work, and only public transportation is available, three buses to the facility and back would be needed.

As an employer and public official, I feel the down-sizing of the Granite City office will be a disservice to employers and prospective employees of this area.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the residents of our city write to our area legislators opposing the down-sizing of the Granite City Employment Security office and request that it be full-functioning for everyone it serves.

Write to: Jerry Costello, 1316 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, 462 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

State Sen. Kenneth Hall, First Illinois Bank Building, East St. Louis, Ill. 62205.

State Sen. Sam Vadalabene, 300 Circle Drive, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.

Rep. Jim McPike, 305 State St., Alton, Ill. 62002.

Rep. Wyvette Young, 200 State St., East St. Louis, Ill. 62205.

Rep. Monroe Flinn, 1506 Johnson Road, Granite City, Ill. 62040.

Gov. Jim Edgar, State Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill. 62701.

DANIEL J. PARTNEY  
4th Ward alderman

### Promises fight against plant

TO THE EDITOR:

We have been asked by several people to seek the office of 4th Ward alderman. I have decided to accept the challenge.

Do not be fooled any longer. Unless we take action right away, the Eticam hazardous waste plant will be built on the proposed site.

One mishap, and our neighborhoods will suffer environmental damage for years to come. A vote for me is a vote against Eticam.

I ask the candidates for mayor, all the alderman candidates, and anyone else running for office to declare themselves on this issue.

Many people in this city have expressed that they would like to see better candidates for public office. Almost everywhere I go, people think we are dissatisfied with the way things are being handled by the people now representing them.

We need to change more than just the mayor. I will give you a choice. I will not rent a bus, burp your babies, buy you booze, give you a false promise.

Just old-fashioned principles. Will you donate, pass out literature, take people to the polls to vote for your family and friends?

Working together, we will be blessed by God and have a good day. I thank people for their time, vote and support, and I hope to see and talk with them more in the future.

FOSTER FREDRICK  
Granite City

### Many unborn deprived of life

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent news article reported the number of homicides in 1992.

The number of homicides would actually be much higher if one counted the abortions that are performed and classified them also as homicides.

Some people abort babies through the 24th week of their mother's pregnancy. They also require no parental consent, allowing a girl to abort her baby without her parents' knowledge or consent.

Why do people continue to destroy children, as they have for the past 20 years? Largely because of the unbelievable silence and apathy of communities. But they also continue because of the huge profits to be made.

Some say they average about \$225 per first-trimester abortion and about \$750 per second-trimester abortion. At a busy clinic, income could exceed \$2 million per year.

In my opinion, the number of homicides reported should be thousands higher.

Although, unfortunately, it is legal, abortion is still an act of violence which kills a baby.

MICHAEL COAD  
Granite City

### Seniors enjoyed winter activities

TO THE EDITOR:

The Senior Citizens Dance on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Memorial Gymnasium, sponsored by the Granite City High School Student Council, was enjoyed and appreciated by many senior citizens.

The teenagers also danced to the senior citizens' kind of music. It was very interesting to see teenagers dance and enjoy music like their grandparents.

Our "thank you" goes to all the students present and also to persons donating attendance prizes.

Senior Citizens also want to thank Nellie Hagnauer for her time and effort for our bus ride to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine during the Christmas season.

BARI BAUM  
Granite City

### Wants restaurant

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you concerning the selection of fast-food places in Granite City. I think there is a pretty scarce selection.

We have tacos, hamburgers and chicken. We don't, however, have a Steak 'n Shake.

My idea is to put a Steak 'n Shake in the vacant building near Big Lots. It would probably get a lot of business and the building would not go to waste. Many people enjoy Steak 'n Shake and would be overjoyed to have one in the vicinity.

BARI BAUM  
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## Church class plans new project



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 331-6256.

Nathaniel Schmidt, who was 1 year old on Jan. 23, was guest of honor at a birthday party given by his mother, Tina, in their home on Jan. 30.

A Sesame Street theme was used for the party and refreshments were served to his grandparents, Fred and Donna Schmidt, and great-grandparents, Ann Van Horn and Olivia Schmidt, Michelle Reichmuth and Son Cameron and cousin Adam; Scott Schmidt, Gail Varady, Mary Kay Mitchell, Gail Wyatt, Shelly McClelland, Michelle and Patrick Hodge, George Barnett, Dave and Alice LeMaster, Walt, Barb and Melissa Schmidt, Jim and Marsha Lowery and grandsons Donny and Chris, Melissa and Bradley Schmidt.

The Phoenician Class of Calvary Baptist Church met on Feb. 9 in the church. Henry Moser opened the meeting and Della Stephens led in prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Mary Alice Weiss. Ida Kilmer reported on the card ministry and the treasury report was given by Margaret Lowe. New business was discussed and Phyllis Knight made a motion to contact the Baptist Children's home and get the name of a boy to send special things to as a new class project. Della Stephens seconded the motion and it was carried.

A devotional was given by Phyllis Knight and the meeting was prayed by Thelma Phelps.

A delicious dessert was served by Della Stephens to Nancy Dunlap, Grace Cruise, Phyllis Knight, Margaret Lowe, Ida Kilmer, Lillie Roberson, Irene Miller, Luella Prosser, Thelma Phelps, Mary Alice Weiss, Henry and Ruth Moser, Elizabeth Phillips and Mary Hoover.

Jim and Christine Miller entertained with a candlelight dinner in their home on Feb. 9, celebrating the birthdays of Edward and Vickie Harper. They received gifts and exchanged Valentines and cake and ice cream were served to their grandsons, Jimmy and Christopher Harper; Stacy Harper, granddaughter; Ola Schoonover, an exchange student from Sweden; Mark and Jimmie Miller, son and daughter of the Millers; and Laura Schoonover.

The Better Breathers Club held its February meeting on Feb. 9 in the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The meeting and luncheon was sponsored by Homedex and LaSara Risley, guest speaker, from Medco spoke on breathing problems and medications available for these problems, as well as new, improved medication and where and how to obtain them if help is needed.

A short business session was held, discussing trips to be taken, with coordinator Carol Smith making the arrangements on when and how they will be planned.

President Susie Horton called for reports, which were given and approved. Dave Sheppard of Pulmonary Rehabilitation also spoke on breathing problems and presented books of raffle tickets to members to sell on a "hot street bike," clock radio coming and several other decorative and useful articles. The drawing will be held during the April 13 meeting. The money collected will be spent for educational equipment for Rehab and other programs in the hospital. For tickets donations or other information call Dave at 788-3103 or 788-3111.

Members present at the meeting were Orval Temmer, Ruth Smith, Shirley Wendel, Ellen Knacht, Marge Hiler, Elsie Staggs, Pearl Kamadakis, Margaret Utz, Maxine Green, Kenneth Lane, Dottie Martin, Agnes Martinez, Elsie Maylath, Forrest Wendel, Jack Smith, James Noel, Florence Buettner, Pauline Holman, Beulah Goodman, Mary Maylath, Lucille Martin, Elsie Utz, Lisa Splaingard, Karen Lewis and Susie Horton. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 in the Wiesman Room, starting at 1 p.m.

By Jim Haverstick  
Staff writer

Mexico, Florida and Hawaii used to be the hot spots for winter vacations while the Colorado slopes were the site of ski vacations, travel agents say. But things are changing.

The desperate shape of the economy is preventing people from venturing south off the border. Florida and Hawaii are still recovering from hurricane Andrew's and Iniki's damage. And the jury is still out on whether it is politically correct to set foot (or ski) in Colorado.

People are discovering vacation spots in their own home states in order to save a few dollars and a lot of headaches.

"If people want to discover mysteries they don't have to go to other states or countries," said Mark Westhoff, spokesman for the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau. "There are plenty of exciting places right here in your own back yard."

He said it saves money too. "You are not going to pay as much for a hotel or for a meal around here as you will in Chicago," Westhoff said.

Water sports may be out of the question during Midwest winters but there are plenty of places to stay, sites to see and indoor activities to enjoy, Westhoff said.

To start with, Southern Illinois is peppered with elegant bed and breakfast inns.

Freeburg boasts the nationally known Westfield House.

This colonial style log cabin is famous for its elegant seven course gourmet dinners, herb garden and evergreens that line the lawn.

The house is owned and operated by Jim and Marilyn Westfield. It is one of the first

modern day bed and breakfast inns located in the Midwest, Jim Westfield said.

There are three completely separate rooms for guests.

The first room in the house features a double bed, a sitting room and a private bathroom with a shower. This room costs \$160 per night.

A second room in the house features a queen size bed and a private bath with an antique claw-foot tub. This room is \$170 per night. The third room is separate from the main house. It features a double bed, a fireplace and a private bathroom with a tub and shower. This room is \$180.

All three of the packages include the seven-course meal, an overnight stay and a full breakfast the next morning.

"In January and February the holidays are over people really need to get away. They need to rest up from all the activity," Marilyn Westfield said. "This is a perfect place to come for a getaway that is not far from home."

People often like to take quick vacations in their own home state so they can get away from the kids for awhile. But they don't want to go too far from the family, Westfield said.

Call for reservations at 539-5643.

Another popular winter hot spot includes the Original Springs Hotel in Okawville.

This hotel with a natural mineral springs spa was established in 1867.

The hotel offers three- and six-day vacation packages for less than \$500 for couples and less than \$360 for individuals.

The package includes a room, wine and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, two mineral baths and two



massages per day. The hotel also includes a heated indoor pool, saunas, spa, video games, VCR and movie rental and bicycle rentals.

Call for reservations at 234-5453.

The Corner George Inn in Maestown offers five private guest rooms each with private baths, a common sitting room for guests to mingle and a ballroom where breakfast is served. Rooms range in price from \$65 to \$85 per night.

Horse-drawn carriage rides are available upon request.

Call for reservations at 458-6600.

La Maison Du Rocher Country Inn in Prairie Du Rocher was built in 1857 from the limestone rocks used in the walls of Fort de Chartres.

The inn is decorated in a french Victorian style. It offers two private guest rooms each with a private bath. The rooms range in price from \$65 to \$85.

The inn includes a solarium and a restaurant with fresh baked breads and pies daily.

For reservations call 284-3463.

These are all great spots to vacation and they are only an hour and a half from your home," Westhoff said.

While in Prairie Du Rocher sightseers enjoy a visit to the historic Fort de Chartres, the french trading post and museum. Others may like to venture to Chester to see the Pierre Menard Home.

Visitors frequently ride the ferry across the river to visit another historic french settlement in St. Genevieve, Mo.

For those who would like to take a look at an authentic Amish community, a visit to Arcola might be in order.

While staying in the area, Westhoff recommends touring the historic churches in St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton counties.

The tour might start with the Cathedral in Belleville. It is the oldest and largest Cathedral in Illinois.

Other popular spots to visit include Cahokia Mounds State Historical Museum and Fairmont Park harness races in Collinsville.

"You can really see a lot more of these places in the winter because there aren't 40,000 other people around at the same time," Westhoff said.

## Region offers many attractions to beat winter bahs

By Lois Kendall  
Staff writer

It's February and you're winter-weary. The cold, cloudy weather precisely matches your mood.

A king-sized white snowstorm on Monday left a white reminder that those small shots of spring-like weather were not at all the coming of an early green.

But winter in St. Louis doesn't have to be so dreary. If you can't escape to a tropical climate, you can at least escape to one of the many attractions in the metro area. Listed below is a sampling of what's available to wile away the winter days.

Illinois. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is 8 miles east of

St. Louis off I-55-70. Here the relics of the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico are on display. Tours of the museum and ancient ruins are available. For information call 618-346-5160.

The national Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, on Ill. Route 15, is the largest outdoor shrine in the country. Its unique architecture covers 200 acres and is open to the public.

Elsah, just south of Grafton, is the first entire community to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 19th century charm of this river town is preserved in its picturesque stone cottages and bed-and-breakfasts.

Pere Marquette State Park,

with more than 8,000 acres, is north of Grafton. It is a popular spot for hiking, picnicking, camping and horseback riding. Fairmount Park in Collinsville features trotters from December through March. It also offers inter-track betting and gambling pools. Call 436-1516.

The Alton Belle Casino, on the Alton riverfront, offers six cruises daily, featuring slot machines, video poker, black jack, craps and the big six wheel. For information or reservations call 400-336-7568.

The Gateway Arch, how long has it been since you — a St. Louis native — visited the nation's tallest monument, located right on your own city's riverfront? Ride the tram up the

leg of the 630-foot-tall structure, where a glassed-in observatory offers a breathtaking view from any of the observation room's 24 windows.

While waiting for your tram, enjoy the Museum of Westward Expansion, located in the basement, and watch a 35-minute film in Tucker Theater that documents the Arch's construction.

For information call 425-4465.

St. Louis Science Center. If you haven't visited this recently-expanded and renovated facility, you're in for an eye-opening experience. Free exhibit galleries feature more than 500 hands-on activities in aviation, technology, ecology, entertainment, human adventure

and space sciences. There are full-sized animated dinosaurs, laser presentations, radar guns and an underground tunnel.

For a nominal fee, you can view presentations at the OMNIMAX Theater, Planetarium, Allen Research Project and the Discovery Project. It is located in Forest Park, straddling Hwy. 40. For information call 289-4400.

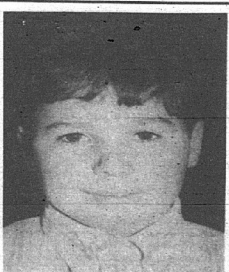
St. Louis Art Museum. The first art museum built west of the Mississippi, it is in Forest Park. The museum's collection contains works from ancient Egypt and Asia, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and modern times. The museum's collections of pre-Columbian and (See BLAHS, Page 6A)



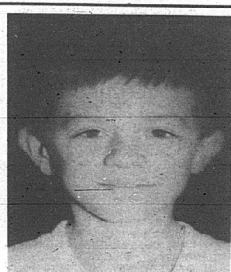
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## YOUTH FOCUS: For third-graders: If you could be any animal in the world, what would you be? Why?

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

Jamie Mitcherson, Granite City  
"I would like to be a lion because I would not have to clean my room and would not have to go to school."

Josh Tafi, Granite City  
"I would like to be a lion because they get to catch their own food and they run very fast. And they eat meat and they kill other animals all the time. They aren't afraid of the dark, either. And they are really, really big, big cats."

They have big, sharp fangs that hang down from their mouth. They never have to worry about homework or school for the rest of their lives. They get to run wild all day long and play, climb trees and all of that neat stuff.

They get to pick out wherever they want to make a home for themselves, as long as they don't get caught by the Zoo. Then I think they will be all right."

Anna Meyers, Granite City  
"I would like to be a pig because they roll in mud when it is hot and it makes them feel good."

Evelyn Dickerson, Granite City  
"I would want to be a bird, because a bird can fly high and do what they want to do. I would be a redbird, because they are pretty. In the summer, if they fly fast, there would be a nice breeze."

You would not have to go to school. You would just have to worry about cats. And most people like birds, too. They don't get killed much, either. That's what I would be. What about you?"

Amy Earon, Granite City

"If I could be any animal, what would I be? I would like to be a cat because cats get to be lazy and not get hollered at. A cat gets to stay up late and a cat doesn't have to go to school."

Dorian Boyd, Madison  
"I would like to be a frog because girls are scared of them. But I won't eat flies."

Jonathan Fowler, Madison  
"If I could be any animal in the world, I would be a parrot. I could fly and have nice, pretty colors. I could feel the wind as I fly, and I could play with my bird friends. It would be neat to be a parrot."

LaTasha Brown, Madison  
"If I could be any animal, I would want to be a hamster. I would just love to be a hamster, because a hamster seems to be very nice. Hamsters are warm and have lots of nice fur. If I was a hamster, I would run on my master's bed and play with my family. I'd watch TV with my master and have lots of fun. At night, we'd go to bed, and the next morning we'd play again. That's why I would want to be a hamster."

Angelo Rey, Madison  
"I would like to be a dog because a dog can run fast and tricks and play with children. Dogs don't bother children unless children bother them."

Frederick Williams Jr., Madison  
"If I could be any animal in the world, I would be a python. A python is fast, and it sneaks up on its prey. Even rats are scared of pythons. Pythons can swallow large animals like alligators, bears, eagles and hawks. Pythons have fangs that are poisonous."

Codi Watts, Madison  
"If I could be any animal in the whole world, I would most like to be a giraffe. A giraffe has a long neck and it seems to be very peaceful. It's so tall that it can reach leaves from tall trees. It is neat."

Brannon Walker, Madison  
"If I could, I would like to be a ferret. I would run around my master's house, and my master would pet me. I would eat apples, oranges, bananas, ice cream, and cat food. I would be great at hide-and-go-seek, and I would go to sleep a lot. Then I would wake up my master and be loved."

Cameron Brown, Madison  
"I would like to be a lion because it runs faster than anything. It climbs trees, eats meat, and kills prey. I would be the king of the jungle."

Atlantis Johnson, Madison  
"I would like to be a hawk so I could soar through the air and eat what I want to eat."

Jay Sanford, Madison  
"I would like to be a bird because I could fly over the clouds and in the air. I could fly higher than airplanes."









## FACES IN THE CROWD

(Staff photos by  
PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Students at Coolidge Junior High School were rewarded with a theme dance for having good grades. Students with only A's, B's and C's on their report cards were admitted to the dance; 350 were eligible to attend. The theme of the dance was "Back to the Future."

In top left photo, parent Laura Byrd, left, guides seventh grader Leah Patton through a guessing game. In top right photo, seventh graders, from left, Denneta Boyd, Marie Papp, Chrystal Brown, Jamie Briggs and Amy Brown exchange school gossip while enjoying ice cream floats. In bottom left photo, parent Sheila York makes an ice cream float. In bottom right photo, English teacher Ed Schroeder, right (dressed as Professor Emmett Brown) does a science experiment for a group of students.



## Refiner planning new plant

An independent oil refiner and wholesaler wants to pump more business into Chouteau Township.

American Refining Group Inc. of Pennsylvania plans to lease three acres from Conoco Inc. off Canal Road for a \$1.2 million plant to separate pipeline petroleum products.

The project could bring up to four new jobs to the Hartford area and \$250,000 in site improvements.

Hartford Administrative Assistant Deanna Barnes said the area is zoned for heavy industry but the company will need a height variance to allow a 60-foot-tall processing unit. The village zoning code allows a maximum height of 45 feet.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will consider the variance request at a public hearing at 6 p.m. March 2 at the Village Hall.

The company will also need permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the State Fire Marshal's Office before construction can begin, Barnes said.

American Refining Group makes a business of pumping oil and recovering petroleum products that are mixed when pipeline companies switch from one product to another.

The refining group processes the mix and resells it after separation.

"It sounds like a good, linked industry," Barnes said. "We always try to look at something we don't have."

Barnes, who also serves as zoning administrator, said the company has been storing the mix at Conoco and sending it to Pennsylvania for processing before shipping it back.

"They've been sending it out east, but now they could do it on site," Barnes said. "I think they have wholesalers here, too, so they could just turn it around here."

She said Conoco is now the only company scheduled to use the proposed facility. American will use current Conoco storage tanks and pipelines, she said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Bill would force fees at Cahokia Mounds

By Lisa Fill  
Staff writer

Cahokia Mounds Historic Site is one of eight sites in the state that would charge admission if a proposed bill passes in the General Assembly.

According to David Blanchette, spokesman for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, House Bill 270, proposed by Rep. Margaret Parcells, could impose admission, parking, and special event fees on those who visit certain historic sites.

At Cahokia Mounds, school tours would be exempt from the admission fee, and the Mounds would not charge the parking or special event fees.

Profits would go to the Illinois Historic Sites Fund, which supports the sites.

There are 57 historical sites and memorials managed by the agency.

The adult admission fee would be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, special event fees would be \$1 per person, and parking would be \$3 per day.

Blanchette said the money is needed because of budget cuts. Many sites, including Cahokia Mounds, have had to reduce their hours, and some sites have had to close completely.

Currently, there is no charge for parking or admission at Cahokia Mounds. The site has been closed on Mondays and Tuesdays since December because of the budget cuts.

Paul Nixon, assistant site manager, said Cahokia Mounds will again be open on those days starting in March.

Blanchette said an identical bill passed in the Senate last year, but failed to get called in the House, where it died.

"At this time, we have no indication yet whether the mood in the legislature has changed," he said.

The bill last year originally called for permanent user fees

but was later amended to say the fees would be charged on a three-year trial basis.

Blanchette said the new bill also calls for permanent fees, but he expects that also to be amended upon introduction. He said the trial basis aspect will leave some element of control for legislators and make it easy to discontinue the fees if they aren't feasible.

The first fee test site would be the Dana Thomas House in Springfield. Then sometime within the next three years, admission would be charged for the museum building only at Cahokia Mounds. No parking fee would be charged.

Other sites which are targeted for admission fees are: Old State Capitol, Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices in Springfield, David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, U.S. Grant Home and Old Market House in Galena, and Lincoln's New Salem.

Blanchette said he expects the

bill to pass, and that he expects the passage to come near the end of the session, in June.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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When parents are obtaining a dissolution of marriage, there is sometimes a dispute regarding custody of the children. Sometimes a compromise solution is proposed whereby the custody of the children would be split between the parties. Illinois Courts decide custody disputes based on the "best interest of the children." Furthermore, several cases decided in this state have indicated that it is usually in the best interest of the children that they not be separated. In certain circumstances, however, separation of the children may be necessary to meet the needs of the children.

In one recent case, the mother was a university professor and the father was a social worker. Two sons were born of the marriage. At the time of the divorce, the Court found that it was in the best interest of all the parties that the oldest son remain with the father and the youngest son be awarded to the mother.

The testimony which led the Court to reach this conclusion consisted of the father's statement that the oldest son wished to live with him. The father further testified that this child's relationship with his mother was stressful, and that there was continual fighting between the mother and her oldest son. The

mother testified that the children often fought with each other. However, she felt that the relationship between the children was improving. A psychologist testified on behalf of the mother and stated that she felt the mother was capable of handling both children.

When the trial Court decided to split the custody of the children, the mother took the case on appeal and argued that the children should stay together. The Appellate Court noted that in cases regarding custody, it is usually in the best interest of the children that they be kept together. However, in this case, the Court felt that there was sufficient evidence to support the trial Court's decision to split custody between the parties.

The Appellate Court based its decision on the fact that the two boys did not get along with each other. In addition, the Court also noted that the oldest son preferred to live with his father. Finally, the Appellate Court felt it was important that the boys would be spending every weekend together, for all these reasons, the decision of the trial Court was upheld, and the custody of the boys was split between the parties.

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## Obituaries



### Carl Morris

Carl P. Morris, 76, of Granite City died at 6:47 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993, at Elmwood Care Center, Maryville, where he had been a resident for four months. He had been ill for 15 years.

Born in Ruddells, Ark., on Feb. 1, 1917, he resided in Granite City for 47 years. He was employed for 35 years as a business representative for Local 120 of the Painters union, retiring in 1982.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma (Maguffee) Morris; a son, Gary Morris of Granite City; a daughter, Carla Jean Morris of St. Louis; three brothers, Richard Morris of Newport, Ark., and Bob and Lon Morris, both of Batesville, Ark.; two sisters, Myrtle Swain of Batesville and Thelma Clark of Prairieville, Kan.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Elsie (Pierce) Morris.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1:30 a.m. Friday. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for Trinity Methodist Church, Granite City.

### Ronald Halely

Ronald E. Halely, 35, of Granite City, was pronounced dead at 12:42 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, 931-8000.

### Ruby Berry

Ruby Pearl Berry, 45, of Venice died Monday, Feb. 15, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. She had been ill for several years.

Born in Venice on June 18, 1947, she had been a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker and was employed by the Madison County Home Health Care Agency. She was a member of New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

Survivors include her father, Sylvester Bishop of East St. Louis; four brothers, Raymond and George Anderson, both of Venice; James Anderson of Detroit; and Michael Anderson of Santa Maria, Calif.; and four sisters, Anna Claggett, Doris Anderson and Metro Pierce, all of Venice, and Denise Towns of Memphis, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Louise (Anderson) Bishop.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at New Salem Baptist Church, 1846 Klein St., Venice, where services will be held at noon Saturday, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements are by Nash Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

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### A.M. Bradford

Alpheus Marcellus "Brad" Bradford, 80, of Bedford, Texas, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Jan. 29, 1993, at All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He had been ill for 18 months.

Mr. Bradford was born Aug. 5, 1912, in Granite City and was a resident here until 1977. He retired from Granite City Steel in 1973. He was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Lois (Stare) Bradford, whom he married in September 1935; a daughter, Connie Biggar of Grapevine, Texas; a brother, Archie Boyd Bradford of Granite City; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park Funeral Home in Colleyville, Texas, and funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas. Burial was at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

Edward Tritschuh, 48, of Alton, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993, at his residence.

Born in Granite City on Nov. 3, 1944, he was employed for 26 years as administrator of program services by Specialized Services in Alton. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Alton and St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton.

Survivors include his wife, Maryann (Robley) Tritschuh, whom he married Feb. 22, 1969, in Granite City; his parents, Frederick "Fritz" and Mary Rita "Toots" (McGowan) Tritschuh of Granite City; and a brother, John "Jack" Tritschuh of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Fred Tritschuh.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 717 State St., Alton, where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Tom Meyers officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Elias-Smith Funeral Home, Godfrey, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested for St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, American Cancer Society or St. Anthony's Home Health Care/Hospice of Alton.

**Lottie Geringer**

Lottie Geringer of Alton died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1993, at Rosewood Care Center, Alton.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-8000.

**Hilbert Fisher**

Hilbert John Fisher, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Calvin Johnson Care Center, Belleville.

Born Aug. 9, 1910, in Venice, Mr. Fisher was a lifelong resident of the area. He worked as an inspector for the B&O Railroad until his retirement in 1972 and was a member of the Anglers Association.

He is survived by his son, Robert Fisher of Venice; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite (Helen) Fisher, who died in 1976; his parents, Fred and Della (Linville) Fisher; a brother and a sister.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Irwin Chapel with Rev. Wayne Musatics presiding. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

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### James Pantagis

James Pantagis, 72, of Madison, died at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Nieldinghaus, Granite City, 876-4321.

### Ersal O'Dell

Ersal "Dan" O'Dell, 56, of Granite City died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993, at Scott Air Force Base Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Jonesboro, Ark., on Aug. 14, 1936, he was a retired U.S. Army colonel.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy H. Kemper; O'Dell; four daughters, Nancy O'Dell and Cathy O'Dell, both of Granite City; Tracy O'Dell of Quantanoma Bay, Cuba; and Kerrie Taylor of Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; a son, Daniel O'Dell of Fort Hood, Texas; a brother, Bill O'Dell of Belleville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E. F. and Juanita (Neuman) O'Dell.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. today at Kurrus Funeral Home, 657 N. 57th St., Belleville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Reiss Memorial Chapel, Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville, with the Rev. Henry L. Hunt officiating; burial will follow.

### Allen Cox

Allen Cox, 81, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for seven weeks.

Born in Birdsedge, Ind., he had been a lifelong resident of Granite City. He was employed for 27 years as superintendent for M.H. Wolfe Construction Co. in Granite City, retiring in 1979.

A 50-year member of Carpenter Local 832 in Granite City and a 50-year charter member of Masonic Triple Lodge 835 in Granite City, he was a member of Namoeki United Presbyterian Church and the Low Twelve Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Jan Birdseye, Ind., and Mary Ruth Snelson of Granite City; a brother, George W. Cox Jr. of Palm Springs, Calif.; two sisters, Edith Simpson of Granite City and Ethel Perrique of Palm Springs; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise "Snookie" (Gilbert) Cox, whom he married April 20, 1935, in Granite City and who died Jan. 13, 1986; his parents, George W. Cox Sr. and Ruth (Dixon) Cox; and a brother, John Marvin Cox.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where Mass services will be held at 7 p.m. today. Visitation will also be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Namoeki United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Vicki Harden-Evans officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for Namoeki United Presbyterian Church.

## Lifeline free in February

During February, St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City is offering free installation of Lifeline and waiving the first month's fee.

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### Trivia

For the period Feb. 3-16, the total of the bills paid from the Madison general fund was \$46,321.30.

## Three plead guilty in Bauer murder

Three of the five persons charged with murder in the death of a Granite City man in August have pleaded guilty to first degree murder.

Jeffrey L. Ramsey, 25, of the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard; Richard R. Loftis, 26, of the 500 block of Washington Avenue; and Robert Russell, 19, of the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard, all pleaded guilty

Wednesday in the death of Thomas Bauer, 57, of 2206 Illinois Ave.

Reena Ashing, 38, of the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard, and John McIntyre, 18, of the 500 block of Washington Avenue, still face first degree murder charges in the case.

Bauer, who was crowned a wheelchair, was pronounced dead in his burned-out home at

2:59 a.m. Aug. 10 by Madison County Coroner Investigator Roger Smith. His body was discovered after firefighters extinguished a fire at his house that police believe was set in an attempt to cover up the murder.

On Aug. 8, about 30 hours before his death, Bauer filed a lawsuit with Granite City police alleging that Ashing had stolen \$500 from him on Aug. 7.

## Hamm

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the union," Amisch said. "Now we have someone who testified on behalf of the union and that makes me uncomfortable."

Hamm said he had not testified "on behalf of anybody and had only been asked by the attorney for the union to confirm 'on the record' that the layoffs were being done by the city from the police department and had not been brought, at that time, before the City Council for approval."

Nighossian said Wednesday, "If nothing else, Alderman Hamm showed very poor judgment in talking to the attorney for the other side, showed very poor judgment in not taking the other city officials and showed very poor judgment in not seeking guidance from the attorneys on our side about whether or not we should testify or at least warning them he was going to testify so our side could be prepared."

Hamm said that part of the city administration, part of management, and has no business volunteering to help (the union's) side.

Hamm reiterated Wednesday that his only intention in testifying was to confirm that the layoffs had not at that time been approved for the council for approval.

He only confirming what was public knowledge, what had been printed in the newspaper even.

"I didn't believe (that confirmation) would support the position of the police union and I don't feel I said anything in support of the police (union)."

Hamm said.

"The subject matter — the layoffs — didn't have anything to do with the (police contract) arbitration."

Nighossian said the transcript makes it clear that the union's attorney intended for Hamm's testimony to cast doubt about the credibility of earlier testimony on behalf of the city concerning the city's dire financial situation and the city's inability to afford pay increases for its employees.

Hamm's initial responses tended to serve that purpose, Nighossian said, and only under rather intense questioning by the arbitrator did Hamm tend to confirm the city's position.

"When a guy from our side calls a guy from our side a surprise witness to testify for the city — not as an adverse witness, not as a hostile witness — he's clearly a witness to believe (the attorney) knew how the witness was going to answer the questions," Nighossian said.

"When you call a witness on your behalf, you're vouching for the credibility of that witness. You're not going to do that if you have no idea what (the witness) is going to say. Especially one from the other side."

Hamm said his entire conversation with the union's attorney took place in front of the police dispatcher's desk as Hamm was leaving City Hall for lunch.

Hamm said there was no discussion of the police contract, of the union's finances or any issue other than whether the City Council had been a part of the decision to make the layoffs.

(The union's attorney) asked

about the layoffs and I told him. He asked if I was willing to say it on the record and I said yes. That was all I was asked about," Hamm said.

Nighossian said Hamm has been active in his union at St. Louis, is a businessman and employer, has served on the city's negotiating committee in the past, and has negotiated city's contracts as a member of the Madison School Board. "So I don't see how he can plead ignorance on this."

"What purpose could his testimony have had other than the whole thing was done to embarrass the city administration and the city's position?"

Hamm has been very cautious, "even overly cautious," when it came to abstaining from votes where the city and school board were potential adversaries and there might be a conflict of interest, Nighossian said.

"In this case there are clearly two opposing sides, Nighossian said. Hamm "clearly belongs to management, so why didn't he say (to the union attorney) 'I can't talk to you; it would be conflict of interest'?"

Hamm said it would clearly have been a conflict of interest if he had been asked about or called to testify about the police contract or the city's negotiating process or any other union issues.

"But all I was asked about was the layoffs and whether the alderman had any input before they took place," Hamm said. "That was a hot issue on the streets at the time. It's probably still a hot issue on the streets."

## Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BROWN, John Jr.**, 77, of O'Fallon, died at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 13, at O'Fallon Health Care Center. Services were held Tuesday at Schildknecht Funeral Home, O'Fallon, by the Rev. Donald Eichens. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

**DOYLE, Evelyn (Cell)**, 62, of Temple, Texas, died at 3:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 1993, at Teague Veterans Center, Temple. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City.

**MERZ, Phillip T.**, 74, of Granite City died at 6:05 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Visitation was held Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Services were held Tuesday by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville. Masses are preferred as memorials.

**HUNTER, Charles J.**, 69, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died at 5:39 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 1993, at home. Visitation was held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at noon today by the Rev. Allen Reiter. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to St. John United Church of Christ, Granite City.

**JORDAN, John W.**, 66, of Granite City died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Visitation was held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held 1 p.m. today by the Rev. David McGuire. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

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**WEEKS, Donald L.**, 60, of Litchfield, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993, at Charleston Methodist Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Visitation was held Tuesday at Meinschein's Funeral Home, Litchfield. Services were held Wednesday at Living Stones Fellowship Church, Litchfield, by the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Laughlin and the Rev. Dr. Harold Reents. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the purchase of Gideon Bibles.

**WEIBLE, Anthony "Tony,"** 33, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 9:48 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1993, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room. Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services were held Sunday at Boyer Funeral Home, Bonne Terre, Mo., by the Rev. Ron Poole. Burial was at Bonne Terre City Cemetery. Memorials to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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## Carroll — Habermehl

Danielle Habermehl, the daughter of Ron and Mary Habermehl of Columbia, Ill., and Scott Carroll, the son of Larry and Mary Herzog of Granite City, were married June 6, 1992, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia.

The maid of honor was Jaime Habermehl and matron of honor was Debbie Begley.

Bridesmaids were Becky Breitenstein and Jen Schmid.

Flowergirls were Brandy and Ashley Whiteford.

Best man was Mike Kiefer.

Groomsmen were Matt Habermehl, Shawn Eagan and Jim Morris.

Ushers were Dave Kanyuck and Bob Nealon.

Ringbearer was Chad Bontrager.

Guest book attendant was Kerri Schoelenz.

Scott is employed by Evergreen Lawn's in Collinsville.

Danielle is a graduate of LaPlante School of Hairstyling and is employed by Joy's Hair Affair in Columbia.

The couple now resides in Columbia.

## Tift- Odorizzi

Lisa Marie Tift of Staunton, formerly of Granite City, daughter of Roger and Mary Tift of Livingston, formerly of Granite City and Matthew John Odorizzi, son of Wayne Odorizzi of Livingston and the late Rosemary Odorizzi, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Highland High School and is employed by Community Care Center of Livingston as a secretary.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livingston High School and a 1991 graduate of Belleville Area College. He is employed by Quality Partition Inc. of Livingston as a machine operator.

The couple is planning a May 8, 1993, wedding at St. Michael Catholic Church, Staunton.

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Glen Sprankle and Patricia Schaake

## Schaake — Sprankle

Ronald and Joann Schaake of Edwardsville have announced the engagement of their daughter Patricia J. Schaake to Glen J. Sprankle, son of Glen and Donna Sprankle of Granite City.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Edwardsville High School and is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a mass communications major.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1991 graduate of Belleville Area College with an associate degree in business management.

He is employed at Madison Metal Services, Madison, Ill.

An Aug. 13, 1994, wedding is being planned.



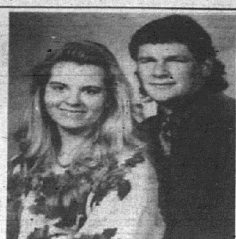
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## Schneider- Ledbetter

Nicole Auvergne Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Schneider of Granite City, and Allen Ray Ledbetter Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Ledbetter Sr. of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a junior at Culver-Stockton College in Missouri, majoring in theater.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School and a student at Belleville Area College, majoring in Law enforcement.

He is employed by K mark of Granite City as a sales clerk.

Wedding plans are indefinite at present.

## Miller- Bailey

Cindi Miller, daughter of Ronald and Rosalind Miller of Granite City, and Darryl Bailey, son of Gretta Brown of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School North and is employed by National Supermarket of Granite City as bulk food manager.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School South and is employed by Central Hardware as a clerk.

The couple is planning a May 8 wedding at Nameoki United Methodist Church, Granite City.



Kerri Rebstock and Michael Kileen

## Rebstock- Kileen

Kerri Elizabeth Rebstock, daughter of Don and Pat Rebstock of Granite City, and Michael S. Kileen, son of Charles M. and Janice C. Kileen of Edwardsville, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in the fall of 1993.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Illinois State University and is employed by Ziegler Coal Holding Co. of Fairview Heights as a contract buyer.

The couple is planning a May 15 wedding at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City.



Cindi Miller and Darryl Bailey

## Martinez- Saul

Melissa Ann Martinez, daughter of Agnes Martinez of Granite City and Joseph Martinez of Bethalto, and Daniel Lee Saul, son of Judith F. Shoreack of Granite City and Delmar R. Saul of Cahokia, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by McDonald's Restaurant of Granite City as a lobby attendant and cashier.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Granite City High School North and a 1984 graduate of Belleville Area College with an associate's degree in electronics technology. He is employed by



Melissa Martinez and Daniel Saul

Kinetic Concepts Inc. of Maryland Heights, Mo., as a service consultant.

The couple is planning a June 5, 1993, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

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3. **INDEPENDENCE:** A good mayor must avoid the undue influence of overt political machines. Without such independence, he will be compromised by the inevitable conflicts with his past obligations. I intend to review all of the departments at City Hall, analyze the to-be-completed Melville Study and implement its workable proposals. If the public can be better served by three people in a department formerly served by six, if appointed positions are no longer necessary and should

be eliminated, then changes will occur. There will be no "across the board" percentage reductions, but corrective measures where needed, praise where warranted, and fairness to all. Only a truly independent mayor can make such tough decisions.

4. **CHARACTER:** This is the most important quality of a successful mayor. My long standing and active involvement in my church gives me a moral perspective that guides everything that I say and do. Patronizing a special interest to return or curry political favors will be a constant temptation for the new mayor. Granite City needs a man who has the strength of character to resist the temptation to put politics first and people second. With Paul Fisk you have such a man. The mayor's office will be the final point of accountability for all city government.

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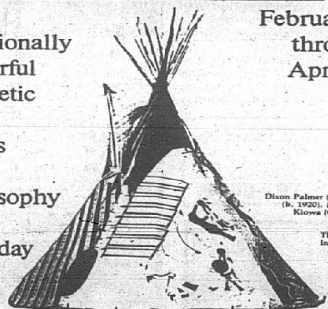
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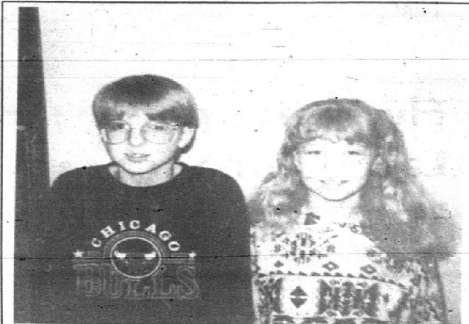
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## Divorces

The marriages of 14 area couples were recently dissolved by the Third Circuit Court in Madison County. They include:

David A. Jones, 30, and Bonnie (Williams) Jones, 30, both of Granite City, they were married Feb. 27, 1982.

Grant K. Clark, 23, and Wendy (Dean) Clark, 23, both of Granite City, married Sept. 23, 1989.

Ricky Allen Watson, 24, and Melinda (McLeary) Watson, 21, both of Granite City, married July 15, 1989.

Timothy P. Patterson, 39, and Paulette (Watson) Patterson, 36, both of Granite City, married Jan. 7, 1973.

Roger W. Howland, 39, of

Alton and Tara (Whalen) Howland, 38, of Granite City, married July 25, 1984.

Michael K. York, 19, of Granite City and Cassandra (Reiser) York, 22, of Hartford, married Oct. 11, 1991.

John P. Given II, 29, of Memphis, Tenn., and Valerie (Sobol) Given, 25, of Granite City, married May 26, 1989.

Philip L. Martin, 43, and Georgia (Wagner) Martin, 42, both of Granite City, married April 12, 1990.

William A. Tarrence, 38, of Shawneetown, Ill., and Vicki (Mitchell) Tarrence, 35, of Granite City, married Dec. 21, 1973.

Gregory J. Chappie, 26, of St.

## Ladies Club reviews work

The Holy Family Catholic Church Ladies Club opened its Jan. 6 meeting at 7 p.m. with members holding hands and reciting The Lord's Prayer, lead by President Nancy Ulkey.

Secretary Cindy Ramey read minutes of the November and December meetings, and all correspondence sent to the Ladies Club. Ulkey read the Budget Report. All were approved.

Events from the past holiday season were discussed and thank you's were extended to everyone who was able to help with the following:

On Nov. 22 several parishioners gathered at the Holy Family Community Center to assemble Thanksgiving food baskets. Parishioners donate food items, personal care items, and paper products. Everything is collected, separated into categories, and then put into packages for needy families. Usually within a day or two the packages are delivered by volunteer parishioners to the doors of these needy families.

On Dec. 6 the Golden Age Dinner was held at 2 p.m. at the Holy Family School cafeteria. The Men's Club cooked a meal of roast turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, and hot rolls. The Ladies Club served the meal. Entertainment was provided by the Becky Kern Silver Belles and A. Beau tap dance team. The Golden Age Dinner is for all parishioners who are 65 or older and their spouses.

On Dec. 18 the Holy Family Church was cleaned for the Christmas season by Ladies Club volunteers. Lunch was served to all who helped.

On Dec. 17 volunteer parishioners gathered at the Holy Family Community Center. This time to assemble Christmas baskets which are prepared the same way as the Thanksgiving baskets.

During the months of November and December Holy Family

Parishioners were asked to participate in the parish Pictorial Directory. Olin mills took pictures of approximately 50 percent of all registered parish families. Each family received a free 8 x 10 and will receive a free directory, which should be ready for distribution for soon.

Chairpersons for the event were Pat Knollman, Bonnie Miller, and Sandy Richey.

March 3 will begin the Quilt of the Month raffle for 1993. All parishioners are being sent raffle tickets to sell at \$2 each. Each ticket has 12 chances to win a beautifully handmade quilt sewn by the Holy Family Quilters. There will be a drawing each month through February 1994.

All Holy Family youngsters receiving their first communion this year will be celebrated at a special Mass with a reception following, hosted by the Ladies Club. A possible date of May 2 is being looked at.

Sometime in April the ladies Club will host a birthday party for nursing home residents. Plans are still in the making for this event.

The March 3 meeting will include a baby shower for donations to Catholic Charities. Those who participate should bring a wrapped, brought or made baby gift to the meeting. Games will be played and refreshments will be served with a baby shower theme. All ladies of the parish are invited to all Ladies Club meetings.

As the meeting came to a close, Ulkey thanked Irene Makarewicz, Carol Makarewicz, Mattie Sotiroff, and Mary Zellerman for the delicious cakes they made for tonight's meeting.

The Quilt of the Month drawing was won by Christa May. The ticket was sold by Elizabeth Gargac.



**Newly installed** — The recently installed officers and installing officers for Granite City Masonic Lodge 877 are, from left, front row: Harry Wright, junior warden; John Cinn, worshipful master; Bill Harper, senior warden; and Charles D. Tucker, installing chaplain. Middle row: Mark Whitehead, junior steward; Bill Barton, senior steward; Robert Weidner, chaplain; Ralph Baker, treasurer; and John Williams Jr., past master. Back row: Edward W. Lane, installing master; Vernon Clutts, secretary and installing marshal; Ed Kessler, marshal; and Loren Worthen, senior deacon and installing secretary.



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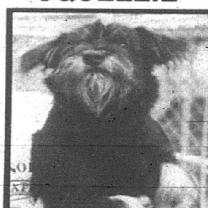


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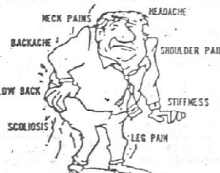
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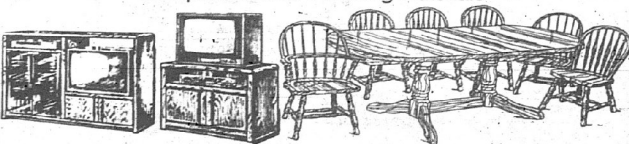
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By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

The Granite City hockey team braved the weather and it paid off Monday night, as the Warriors posted a 7-3 win over Lindbergh in the first round of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoffs.

With a blizzard in full swing outdoors, the Warriors traveled to North County Rink for an 8:45 p.m. start on the insistence of Lindbergh. Coach Jake Hinterser was apprehensive about playing on a night when most of the area's games were canceled, but he said the trip was worth it.

"We definitely needed to get back on the winning track," Hinterser said. "It was nice to turn it around."

Granite City entered the playoffs after tying its last three regular-season games, and the Warriors had to rally in each game to preserve their season-long unbeaten streak.

The Warriors (17-2-3) made it 20 games in a row without a loss against Lindbergh. The win avenged a 9-3 loss to Lindbergh in the second game of the year, back on Nov. 16.

It also gave the Warriors an edge in their two-game series and an opportunity to advance to the American Conference semifinals with another victory over Lindbergh. The two teams were to meet again either Friday, Saturday or Monday depending on the availability of the ice at North County Rink.

The Warriors started off strongly, getting goals by their three senior leaders — Chris Goclan, Rick Whyres and Mike Jaros — in the first half of the first period. Goclan scored at 2:07 on assist by Aaron Reeves and Jaros, and Whyres found the net at 3:00 on an assist by Dave Nappier.

Goclan assisted on the next goal, by Jaros, at 6:38. But the Warriors fell into a funk for the rest of the period.

"If we're going to go to the Arena, we're going to have to step it up a notch or two."

— Jake Hinterser  
Warrior coach

"We started off well," Hinterser said. "But then we looked lethargic out there for a period of about 10-12 minutes. I don't know what it was. It looked like we were running out of gas."

"It just seemed like we didn't have that playoff intensity yet. We were just kind of standing around. All of a sudden, we got our spark back."

Granite City entered the second period ahead 3-1 and increased its lead to 7-1 with four goals in the second half of the period. Jaros scored a power-play goal on an assist by Reeves at 6:07. Whyres scored just over two minutes later, on a feed by Matt Wilson, and Wilson made it 6-1 on a pass by Goclan.

Jaros completed Granite City's scoring with a goal assisted by Zach Phillips at 10:03.

Hinterser said the Warriors' third line of Phillips, Mike Poole and Jim Cox helped the Warriors out of their mid-game slump.

"They didn't score, but they gave us the lift we needed," Hinterser said. "I thought they kind of turned it around. We finally started getting over the jitters."

Lindbergh scored its last two goals in the third period.

The Warriors will now try to close out the two-game series with a win.

If they lose the next game, the series would be decided by a 10-minute contest immediately following. If the Warriors win, they will advance to the conference semifinals and play another two-game series against Clayton or Eureka.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City defenseman Ryan Penrod looks to retrieve the puck. The Warriors will try to wrap up their Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoff round against Lindbergh with another win this week.

The American Conference championship game is set for March 1 at the St. Louis Arena. The Warriors finished with a conference-best 16-2-3 record during the regular season, but

Hinterser said the team should not look too far ahead.

"If we're going to go to the Arena, we're going to have to step it up a notch or two," Hinterser said.

## •Flyerettes

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nervous," he said. "Alicia finally started to hit some shots. Tonight she really showed up."

"In the second half we played a little better defense and we put pressure on the ball. That's what we've got to do — put pressure on in the first quarter."

Cahokia, which was seeded 14th, stayed close in the early going. The Lady Comanches got some easy baskets against the Flyerettes press and were down 19-18 after one period. Houston scored eight of her 10 points in the opening quarter.

Cahokia also hit 13 of 25 shots from the field in the first half, but without Houston, Cahokia got outmuscled inside and East St. Louis took over in the second

half. Cahokia coach Greg Crockett said it might have been a different game if not for Houston's foul trouble.

"Things really changed in the second half," Crockett said. "We just kind of ran out of gas. (Foul trouble) has been Kesia's history. We couldn't keep her in the ballgame."

"We just didn't have enough firepower. Without Kesia, we had a pretty big void in the middle."

Besides Andrews' 25, the Flyerettes got 27 more points from their guards. Sophomores Darnishie Hill (16) and Kameka Dixon (11) also hit double figures. And Vina Bledsoe did most of the damage inside with 16 points and a game-best 12 rebounds.

## •Girls

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deciding factor in the game.

"We came into the game with the idea of focusing on Caviness and I was disappointed by our inability to contain her," Lane said. "For us to win we knew we had to keep the ball out of her hands, and she just was able to touch the ball too much."

Caviness racked up 24 points in the game to lead all scorers. Randolf had 17 to lead Jacksonville, and Julie Manker chipped in an additional 14 points.

The Lady Warriors now look to a third game with East St. Louis, which is 14-5 after beating Cahokia 83-55 Wednesday night.

Although the Flyerettes defeated Granite City in their two previous meetings this season, Lobdell said he looks forward to the challenge.

"Both times we played East St. Louis in the regular season we weren't at 100 percent," Lobdell said. "I look forward to getting a chance to see what we can really do against them."

Lobdell said he feels the key to winning the game will be to play more physical.

"We have to be strong inside against their big girls," he said. "We have the ability to play the inside game, so we can't allow ourselves to be intimidated."

## St. Elizabeth's seventh-grade boys team wins two, advances to semifinal round

The St. Elizabeth's seventh-grade boys basketball team advanced to the semifinals of the Rosary Booster Club Tournament with two wins at Rosary High School.

In the first game, St. Elizabeth's defeated Corpus Christi 41-17. Dustin Brewer led all players with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Jeff Hayden added nine points and eight rebounds,

and Tim Jackstadt had eight points.

St. Elizabeth's then beat St. Norbert's, 40-38. Brewer again led the team with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Paul Kacera had 12 points and eight rebounds.

St. Elizabeth's will play in the semifinals of the tournament at 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

ST. ELIZABETH'S 40, St. Norbert's 38				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Brewer	2	0	2	16
Kacera	2	0	2	6
Hayden	2	0	2	6
Jackstadt	1	0	2	4
Johnson	1	0	0	2
Dunn	1	0	0	2
Kulasek	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	10	40

ST. ELIZABETH'S 41, Corpus Christi 17				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Brewer	2	0	2	12
Hayden	2	0	2	12
Jackstadt	3	0	2	9
Kacera	1	0	2	4
Dunn	1	0	0	2
Kulasek	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	10	41

ST. NORBERT'S				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Foul	0	0	0	0
Enate	0	0	0	0
Vinson	0	0	0	0
Nikesh	0	0	0	0
Mueller	0	0	0	0
Kang	0	0	0	0
Chapman	0	0	0	0
Ellis	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

CORPUS CHRISTI				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Thompson	0	0	0	0
Fingert	0	0	0	0
Schub	0	0	0	0
Ward	0	0	0	0
Knapo	0	0	0	0
Chapman	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

## •Slay

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can't take away from what he accomplished."

"I lifted weights all summer," Slay said. "I knew I was better than what I did."

"I wanted to go to state last year. I was just kind of waiting for this year to come around."

When Slay is off the mat, he spends a good deal of his time creating designs in his hair. He started off the season with the sides of his head shaved and a long strand of hair down the middle.

Now, he is down to a flat top and little else. At the sectional, the back of Slay's head looked like a spider web with all of the various cuts.

"I just put a bunch of lines in it," Slay said. "It makes me feel different. I like to get a little crazy at times, go nuts."

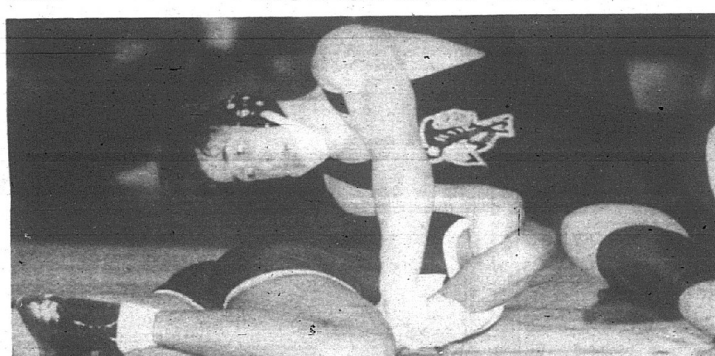
Slay is one of the more animated members of his team. "He keeps everybody loose, and he likes the attention he gets with his hair," Garland said. "I just kind of ignore it. It changes from week to week."

For many area wrestlers, the year is over. Slay's season is just beginning. After participating in the individual state tournament this weekend, Slay will return to the mat Tuesday night for the Warriors' sectional dual meet against Carbondale.

Slay accompanied his team last year when the Warriors advanced to the state dual-team tournament. In his match against Ben Hou of Lyons Township, Slay earned a 5-3 tie.

Slay was one of four Granite City starters to return this year. The rest of the team's wrestlers graduated, Slay said. Granite City's undefeated season would have been difficult to imagine back in November.

"It does surprise me," Slay



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City wrestler T.J. Slay earned a state tournament bid with a win over Collinsville's Billy Franke in Saturday's sectional title match.

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## •Stegemeier

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He was an assistant coach at Granite City North under Tom Wyrostek, the only guy I know who could give Steps a run for being the most misunderstood by observers.

Both Wyro and Steps did the hard-as-nails football coach routine very well. Don't get me wrong, though. They meant what they said. But they would also do anything for their players — at least the players who really gave their all.

I was a rookie sports reporter and a little intimidated by the pair. It was at a GHS North practice session on a hot late summer day, and I was there to speak with Wyrostek about his team. I was hanging around the water fountain by the track behind North waiting for the end of practice.

It was one of those steamy days where you could reach out and grab a hunk of humidity in your hand. The sweat poured out of the players as quickly as they could drink it in.

Steps wasn't a happy camper. His charges hadn't grasped his ideas that afternoon and he was in the process of giving them a tongue-lashing. After he was finished, the players traded off. Then Steps gave me a quick glance. I wasn't sure what to expect.

Then he gave one of his Steps mini-grins and he nodded.

I was in. In the spring of the next school year, Steps guided his North Steelers baseball team to a berth in the IHSAA Class AA state finals in Peoria. The Steelers

were eliminated in the first round by Oak Forest 5-4. It was one of those cases of North being one of the best teams that didn't win state.

The Steelers of 1979 were an exciting and fundamentally sound team. And man, could they hit the ball.

Mike Robertson and Tom Greco both hit over .400. Robertson went on to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and later Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Greco also played at SIUE.

Others on the squad who hit better than .300 included Dennis Page, Jeff Stamper, Dick Await

and Bob Batey. It was a fun group of high school baseball players who always found ways to win ballgames.

But at the state finals, they ran into a team with a hot pitcher and lost a heartbreaker by a run.

After the game, Steps spoke with reporters after he spoke with his players. He spoke with pride, as a father. After most of the reporters had left, he looked through misty eyes and gave that Steps grin.

When Steps learned in December that he'd been elected to the Hall of Fame, he was typically humble — and surprised. A

deserving candidate, he gave the credit to his teams. He said his players through the years were the ones who'd done the hard work.

He's going to retire from teaching after the end of the current school year. He said he's going to let some of the younger guys take over.

Indeed, the long string of success will continue at Granite City High School. Baseball will still be played on the diamond on the Fehling Road curve behind the school.

But without Steps, it'll somehow be different.



Bob Stegemeier

### Madison Khoury open to youngsters

The Madison Khoury League will be holding its final registration session for the 1993 season at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Madison Recreation Center, 7th and Lee Streets.

Registration is open to all youngsters age 5-16, and the registration fee is \$25 per child. All teams except the T-Ball squads will play a 16-game schedule this year.

The Madison Khoury League is still seeking volunteers to assist with coaching, umpiring and concession positions. Anyone interested may attend the registration session Saturday or call league president Frank Chandler at 452-5822.

### Class A softball team looking for players

A local Class A fast-pitch softball team is looking for players. The team will be playing this spring and summer. For more information, call Kevin Daum at 692-6865.

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Group 1: Mike Angle, Andy Ronk, Dennis Godfrey, Amy Pennell, and Sarah Halbrook, tell their chicken "good-bye" as they are about to place her into the hole they have dug.



Another group, Ryan Trobaugh, Ryan Lux, Greg Boyer (partially hidden), Uela Wise, and Amanda Brasfield, look on after they have lowered their mummy into the burial place.

## Sixth graders at Holy Family make mummies

The sixth grade at Holy Family took a step back in time during their study of ancient Egypt. Cathy Webb divided the students into five cooperative learning groups. Each group was given a whole chicken and using an Egyptian process mummified the chickens.

The mummification process took more than four weeks to complete. During the four week process each student designed a sarcophagus for their mummy. The designs were buried with the mummies. Hieroglyphic messages and Egyptian masks were also made by the students and displayed.

It was an experience that provided an excellent insight and learning device, teaching the students about the ancient customs of Egypt. Next year the students will conduct an archaeological dig and excavate the chickens. They will write about their discovery.

## Births

### Eve Frasier

Melissa Grizzard and Michael Frasier of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 7:51 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. The infant has been named Eve Marie Frasier; she weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces. The mother is the former Melissa Crook.

Maternal grandparents are Henry and Donna Thomas and Louis Crook Sr. of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ronald Frasier and Judy Haxton of Granite City. Eve joins her sister, Miranda Danielle Grizzard.

### Charles Rickett Jr.

Charles and Debra Rickett of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 3:04 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Charles Alan Rickett Jr.; he weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces. The mother is the former Debra L. Frazier. Maternal grandmother is Barbara A. Fonder of Iberia, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are George Nord of Granite City and Brenda Nord of Panama City, Fla.

Charles joins his brother, Brandon Fisk, 5.

### Koty Gean

Kristal Cowan and Jeffrey Gean of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Koty Ray Gean; he weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces. The mother is the former Kristal Stovall.

Maternal grandmother is Pat Wilkinson of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Fran Gean and the late Roy Gean of Granite City.

Koty joins his brother, Travis Cowan, 2 1/2.

### Shane Rogers

Kathy and Matthew Rogers of Belleville, Wash., are parents of

a boy born at 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 1993, at Northwest Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

The infant has been named Shane Matthew Rogers; he weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces. The mother is the former Kathy Carlson.

Maternal grandparents are Obie and Sharon Carlson of Texas. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Vicky Rogers of Granite City. Shane joins his brother, Tyler, 22 months.

### Nicole Trawick

Linda and Mark Trawick of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 8:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Nicole Ashley Trawick; she weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces. The mother is the former Linda Sue Nelson.

Maternal grandparents are Odell and Opal Nelson of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Veatrice Trawick of Carlisle, Tenn.

Nicole joins two sisters, April and Karen, and three brothers, Mark Jr., James and Kevin.

### Jacob Kubelka-Peck

Carol Kubelka and Gregory Peck of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 1:49 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 1992, at St. Anthony's Hospital.

The infant has been named Jacob Alan Kubelka-Peck; he weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Phyllis Kubelka of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Rhonda Peck of Granite City.

### Lindsay Christopher

Ellen Kay and Jon Christopher of Chapmansboro, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, are parents of a girl born at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 1993, at Jesse H. Harniman Jones Hospital, Springfield, Tenn.

The infant has been named Lindsay Kay Christopher; she weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. The mother is the former Ellen Kay Durbin.

Maternal grandparents are Dale and Marilyn Durbin of Sorento, Ill.

Paternal grandmother is Sue Christopher of Ashland City, Tenn.

Great-grandparents are George and Edna Woods of Cahokia and Ruth Goodman of Granite City.

Lindsay joins her brother, Jon Tyler "Ty" Christopher, 3 1/2.

### Jarrod Garnto

Kendra and Jarrod Garnto of Troy are parents of a boy born at 6:57 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Jarrod Andrew Garnto; he weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

The mother is the former Kendra Lindow.

Maternal grandparents are Sterling and Mary Jane Garnto of Tampa, Fla. Jarrod joins his brother, Zachary, 5.

### Alex Hufford

Melissa and David Hufford of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 7:56 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Alex Joseph Hufford; he weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces.

The mother is the former Mylisa Chronister.

Maternal grandmother is Sheila Barnhart of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Joe Hufford of Granite City and Pat Logan of Labadie, Mo.

### Michael Acinelli

Anita and Mike Acinelli of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Michael Gino Acinelli; he weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces. The mother is the former Anita Holmes.

Maternal grandmother is Phyllis Teller of Vienna, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are Frank and Shirley Mueller of Highland, Ill.

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## Having children reduces women's earnings

By Roger McGrath  
Correspondent

A Valentine's Day note to young women: Before you let the emotions of a romantic rendezvous evolve into visions of marriage, career and children, consider that each child you have will reduce your lifetime earnings, according to research done by a university professor.

"The bottom line is that women are economically penalized for having children," said Martha Ozawa, professor of social policy at Washington University.

OK, it has long been known that working mothers earn less than women who have no children. Ozawa's research is the first to quantify the income loss.

Here are the average lifetime earnings for white female

workers:

No children — \$304,631  
One child — 283,737  
Two children — 231,826  
Three children — 218,071  
Four or more — 193,595

Ozawa's findings are similar for black women. A black woman without children will have average lifetime earnings of \$234,475. Each child will cut that total, and a black woman with four or more children will earn an average of \$146,417.

The child-bearing penalty worries Ozawa. "Unless society makes it possible for women to have both children and a job, we will suffer consequences," she said. "More and more women may decide not to have babies."

Child-bearing and child-rearing hurt a working mother's earning potential because they lose the crucial years when other people are upgrading their skills and

advancing up the corporate ladder, Ozawa said.

The first child removes a woman from the workplace for 2½ years, a second child requires an additional two years and a third child removes a woman yet another year.

Upon returning to work, working mothers find the women and men they previously worked with, colleagues they'd once been equal to in rank and pay, have climbed the corporate ladder in responsibility and salary. The working mother never catches up, Ozawa said.

Her research is based Social Security Administration data for 700,000 women who worked from 1961, when they were age 33 to 36, to mid-1981, when they retired.

Given social changes since then — one-half of women contributed to family income in 1960, and about 70 percent did so

in 1980 — coupled with today's higher wage levels, Ozawa's findings may understate the child-bearing penalty today's women will pay, she said.

Moreover, today's working moms may face a peril few in Ozawa's 1961 study group confronted — divorce.

Education can partially overcome the child-bearing penalty, Ozawa said. Women with a high school diploma earned an average of 23 percent more than those who completed only elementary school; college-educated women earned an average of 38 percent more.

Ozawa was surprised at the effect a college education had on black women's lifetime earnings, she said. Those who earned a college degree earned an average of 60 percent more than those who dropped out of school.

## Black History Month events slated in region

In celebration of Black History Month, a schedule of area events is as follows:

**BELLEVILLE AREA COLLEGE**  
2500 Carlyle Road

Belleville: \* Thursday, Feb. 18: The BAC Minority Transfer Center will hold a seminar to help minority students select careers in Room 1410 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20: The Black Affairs Council at the Granite City campus will host a gospel fest at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22: The film, "Lean On Me," will be shown in the Belleville campus theater at 7 and 11 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: The Rev. Neylon Meadows will present part two of his presentation on black heritage in the campus

theater auditorium.

\* Wednesday, Feb. 24: The BAC Minority Transfer Center will depart for Nashville, Tenn., for an overnight tour of Fisk University, Tennessee State University, Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University.

**MCKENDREE COLLEGE**  
701 College Road

Lebanon: \* Saturday, Feb. 20: The video series, "The Eyes of the Prize," will be reviewed and discussed in the Upper Deneen Building from 1 to 6 p.m.

\* Friday, Feb. 26: There will be student presentation on black history and a special tribute to Helen McKendree, McKendree's head librarian, at noon in the Pearson's Building.

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Belleville: \* Saturday, Feb. 20: The church will host a "Dismantling Racism Workshop," to enable Christians to study the dynamics of racism and conduct efforts to reduce racism within the community. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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\* Friday, Feb. 19: Eugene

Redmond, poet and professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will discuss poetry, travels to Africa and black heroes at 1:30 p.m.

**CRISPUS ATTUCKS SCHOOL**  
2600 Bond Ave.

East St. Louis: \* Wednesday, Feb. 24: Poet and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville professor Eugene Redmond will speak on black history and travels to Africa at 10 a.m.

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE:**

\* Friday, Feb. 19: A college fair/spot show will be held at the Recreation Center at 5 p.m. with radio personality Doc Wynter from Magic 106.

\* Saturday, Feb. 20: A basketball tournament will be held at James Gymnasium.

\* Sunday, Feb. 21: Tours through the Black History Base Theater will be held at 4 p.m.

\* Wednesday, Feb. 24: The play, "It Takes More Than Just Saying No," featuring members from the "Save Our City Crusade" will begin at 7 p.m. in the Base Theater.

\* Friday, Feb. 26: A teen dance will be held in the Recreation Center at 8 p.m.

\* Saturday, Feb. 27: A ball will be held at the Officers' Club, featuring radio personality Robin Boyce from Magic 106.



**Play time** — Summerstage will present "Three Bags Full," a French farce by Jerome Chodorov, in six performances, beginning Friday. Performances will also be Saturday and the following Thursday through Sunday. Pictured are cast members: front row, from left, Sandy Stover and Beth Fennell; second row, Marc Lull, Marty Eckhard and Chris Madden; back row, Charles Hill Jr., Gary Schneider, Roger Melford, Jennifer Norris, Dora Moenster and Jack Moenster. Call 451-1032 for ticket information.

## Art exhibition to open at SIUE

The annual Graduate Exhibition of works by art and design master of fine arts degree candidates at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the UC Gallery on the second floor of the University Center.

The annual exhibition, which continues through March 15, includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, printmaking, and fiber-fabrics.

There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served. UC Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Special tours for class groups may be arranged through the museum.

For more information about the exhibition, call the SIUE department of art and design, 692-3071, or the University Museum, 692-2996.

## Dental school offers seminar on periodontics

The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine will offer a professional seminar on Friday, March 5, for practicing dentists interested in learning current procedures in evaluating the periodontal patient.

The one-day seminar is scheduled on the SIU/SDM campus, located at 2800 College Ave. in Alton from 8:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The deadline for application is Feb. 22.

The generalists is confronted by new instruments, laboratory

tests and techniques for diagnosing and evaluating periodontal patients. This course will suggest practical, cost effective and efficient methods for evaluating patients with periodontal disease," said Dr. Neal W. Roller, professor and section head of periodontics and chairman of the department of surgical specialties at the dental school.

Participating dentists are encouraged to bring one of their own patients along for the afternoon session. This patient will

receive an evaluation, and from this evaluation a diagnosis and a treatment plan with prognosis will be developed.

Participants have the opportunity to discuss treatment concerns with SIU/SDM faculty. Some of the newer diagnostic instruments and machines will be available for use, inspection and evaluation.

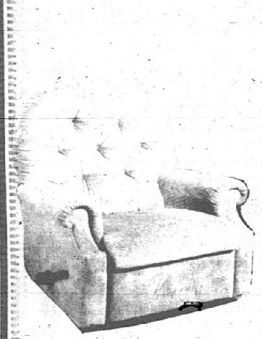
In addition to Dr. Roller, seminar presenters will include Drs. Marwan E. Assaff and Jeffrey A. Colligan, members of the SIU/SDM faculty.



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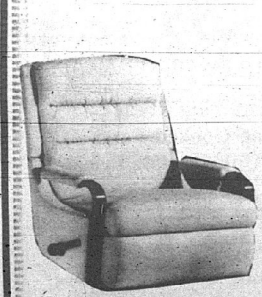
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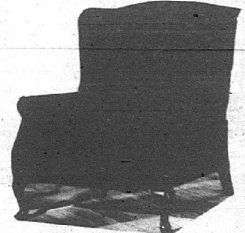
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# Movie capsules

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

**Aladdin**  
Another animated triumph for Disney as the classic story of "Aladdin" is given exciting, adventurous life. Robin Williams steals the film as the voice of the Genie. Great for all members of the family. See it once, and you'll want to see it again. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated G. Running time: 95 minutes. Alton, Clarkson, Des Peres, Galleria, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Mid Rivers, Nameoki, Northwest Plaza, Quad, Regency, Ronnie's, Union Station, Westroads.

**Alive**  
A so-so film adaptation of a book about some rambly players who survive a 10-week ordeal in the Andes Mountains after their plane crashes by resorting to cannibalism. Discreet, but too high-minded and poorly scripted. (\*\*)   
Rated R (intense plane crash, adult language and scenes of cannibalism). Running time: 125 minutes. Crestwood, Eastgate, Halls Ferry, Keller, Northwest Square, St. Charles.

**Aspen Extreme**  
A cautionary tale with scenery about two young automotive workers from Detroit who become ski instructors in Aspen, Colo., and pay a terrible price for the glamorous life they live. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG-13 (partial nudity and vulgar language). Running time: 115 minutes. Roxana.

**The Bodyguard**  
Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner join forces in this so-so romantic thriller about an ex-secr service agent hired to protect a pop singer. Predictable but slick. Not very realistic. Lots of music. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (language and violence). Running time: 129 minutes. Crestwood, Halls Ferry, Keller, Regency, St. Clair, Union Station.

**Body of Evidence**  
Dull, careless film starring Madonna in which she plays a woman on trial for killing a man with sexual intercourse. (\*\*)   
Rated R (female nudity, simulated sex play and adult language). Running time: 90 minutes. Avalon, Cross Keys, Lindbergh, Ritz, St. Andrews, Village.

**Bram Stoker's Dracula**  
A faithful and erotic recreation of Bram Stoker's classic novel featuring strong performances by Gary Oldman and Anthony Hopkins. Will appeal to teens and adults alike, but not for the kids. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (violence, nudity and sexual situations). Running time: 127 minutes. Cross Keys, Lindbergh, Village.

**Cemetery Club**  
Not reviewed. Clarkson, Crestwood, Keller, Northwest Square, Quad, St. Charles, Shady Oak.

**Children of the Corn II**  
Not reviewed. Crestwood, Halls Ferry, Keller, Northwest Plaza, Regency, St. Clair, Union Station.

**Chaplin**  
An expensive, painstaking but superficial film on the life and career of Charlie Chaplin. Robert Downey Jr. ideally captures the magic and talent of Chaplin the performer. Unfortunately, the film's script leaves viewers wanting to know more than they are told. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG-13 (some female nudity). Running time: 142 minutes. Crestwood, Keller, Lindbergh, Ritz, Village.

**Crying Game**  
A powerful tale of terrorism, love and friendship set amid the political turmoil and violence in Northern Ireland and England. One of the best pictures of 1992. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (violence, adult language and sexual encounters). Running time: 113 minutes. Crestwood, Esquire, Westport.

**Damage**  
A forced, underwritten story of a politician in England who has a steamy affair with his own son's fiancée. Jeremy Irons leads a fine cast whose talents are almost wasted on a less-than-worthy script and scenes of sexual misconduct that are heavy-handed, to say the least. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (graphic sexual situations and nudity). Running time: 111 minutes. Kirkwood, Westport.

**The Distinguished Gentleman**  
Eddie Murphy returns to the big screen funnier than ever as a con man from Florida who hustles his way to the big-time and wins an elected seat in the U.S. Congress. A good supporting cast and a relaxed Eddie Murphy dole out plenty of laughs. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (language and one sexual situation). Running time: 112 minutes. Ritz.

**Enchanted April**  
Not reviewed. Creve Coeur.

**A Few Good Men**  
A tense and exciting military courtroom thriller starring Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson. Look for Nicholson to earn another Oscar nomination for his role of a dedicated officer defending one of his branch's oldest unwritten codes of conduct. (\*\*)   
Rated R (adult language). Running time: 98 minutes. Des Peres, Esquire, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Northwest Square, Regency, Ronnie's, St. Clair, Westroads.

**Forever Young**  
Mel Gibson headlines this story about love, a coma and how fast-freezing yourself can be dangerous to your love life. Boring and silly. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG (some mild adult language). Running time: 104 minutes. Crestwood, Keller, Northwest Plaza, St. Charles.

**Groundhog Day**  
Bill Murray gets lots of laughs in a misguided story of an egotistic television weatherman who gets his comeuppance by having to relive Groundhog Day over and over again. Science fiction meets self-help psychology. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG (sexual foreplay). Running time: 101 mins. Clarkson, Crestwood, Eastgate, Esquire, Eureka, Halls Ferry, Keller, Mid Rivers, Northwest Square, St. Charles, St. Clair, Union Station, Westroads.

**Hexed**  
Not reviewed. Village.

**Home Alone 2: Lost in New York**  
A predictable rehash of the original plot line. This time, Macaulay Culkin is left stranded in New York where he meets up with the infamous "Wet Bandits," who are bent on revenge. Very derivative of the first movie. The 12 and under crowd will love it. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG (mild violence). Running time: 116 minutes. Crestwood, Jamestown, Keller, Nameoki.

**Homeward Bound: The Incredible Adventure**  
Not reviewed. Des Peres, Eastgate, Eureka, Galleria, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Mid Rivers, Northwest Plaza, Regency, Ronnie's, St. Clair, Union Station.

**La Discrete**  
Not reviewed. Kirkwood.

**Last of the Mohicans**  
A splendid retelling of the classic novel about love, patriotism, madness and sacrifice. Daniel Day-Lewis and Madeline Stowe headline. Don't miss it. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (violence). Running time: 111 minutes. Creve Coeur, Lindbergh.

**Loaded Weapon 1**  
A star-studded send-up of films like "Lethal Weapon," "Wayne's World" and "Basic Instinct" with shades of the Marx Brothers and Mel Brooks for good measure. Funny, but it tends to wear thin near the end. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG-13 (language and adult references). Running time: 83 minutes. Chesterfield, Eastgate.



Untold dangers, including a ferocious bear, await Chance and his partners as they travel in the wild, in "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey."

**Esquire, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Northwest Plaza, Regency, Ronnie's, St. Clair, Union Station.**

**Lorenzo's Oil**

A don't miss, true story of a couple's devotion to their fatally ill son, and how their unflinching love turned into a cure for a killing disease. A remarkable, sometimes grueling motion picture. Well worth seeing, especially for parents. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG-13 (dramatic intensity). Running time: 135 minutes. Northwest Plaza.

**The Lover**  
Not reviewed. Tivoli.

**Matinee**  
An endearing little trip down movie memory lane with John Goodman playing a "B" horror moviemaker making the most of a sneak preview in Key West, Fla., during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. A slight, busy script. Warm and funny. Goodman is great. (\*\*\*½)

**Rated PG (profanities and some teenage sexual references). Running time: 98 minutes. Chesterfield, Esquire, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Northwest Square, Ronnie's, St. Charles, St. Clair, Union Station.**

**Mighty Ducks**  
Not reviewed. Lindbergh, Village, Ritz.

**The Muppet Christmas Carol**  
A winning, warm and funny adaptation of the classic Dickens Christmas story with Michael Caine as Scrooge and Kermit the frog as Bob Cratchit. It's a Christmas classic. Don't miss it. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated G. Running time: 86 minutes. Avalon, Cross Keys, Lindbergh, St. Andrews, Village.

**Nowhere to Run**  
Not reviewed. Northwest Plaza.

**Passenger 57**  
Wesley Snipes is cool and tough as an airline anti-terrorist expert trying to foil a hijacking and

escape by a world-class bad guy. Could be called "Die Hard III." (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (extreme violence and adult language). Running time: 90 minutes. Lindbergh, Village.

**A River Runs Through It**  
A beautiful, poetic story of family life, brotherhood, fly-fishing and communication set in the wilds of Montana and directed by Robert Redford. An unforgettable film with Academy Award potential. Don't miss it. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG (some adult language). Running time: 123 minutes. Keller, Kirkwood, St. Charles.

**Scent of a Woman**  
A savagely funny and bitter-sweet story about two people brought together by accident, but whose meeting permanently changes both of their lives. Al Pacino in one of his strongest film roles ever. Don't miss it. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (sexual references and adult language). Running time: 149 minutes. Clarkson, Des Peres, Galleria, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Northwest Square, Ronnie's, St. Charles, St. Clair, Union Station.

**Single White Female**  
An engrossing thriller about a possessive roommate who moves in and then wants to really take over. Jennifer Jason Leiby and Bridget Fonda headline this suspenseful relationship drama about identity theft and psychotic behavior. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated R (violence, partial nudity, sexual situations and vulgar language). Running time: 107 minutes. Lindbergh.

**Sniper**  
Not reviewed. Crestwood, Esquire, Halls Ferry, Keller, St. Charles, Northwest Square, Union Station.

**Sommersby**  
A handsome period piece set in post-Civil War Tennessee about a soldier who was declared dead and then shows up alive six years later to reclaim his wife and her wealth. Jodie Foster and Richard Gere headline this very watchable couples movie. (\*\*\*½)  
Rated PG-13 (violence and some sexual situations). Running time: 83 minutes. Crestwood, Clarkson, Eastgate, Galleria, Halls Ferry, Keller, Mid Rivers, Northwest Plaza, St. Clair, Union Station, Westroads.



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**SUNDAY** 10 Words \$3.80  
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## DEADLINES

**SUNDAY** 3:00 Friday  
**WED/THURS** 4:30 Monday  
**ILLINOIS WED** 10:00 Monday  
**ILLINOIS SUN** 3:00 Friday

## Transportation

Autos for Sale 10  
Import/Export Cars 20  
Antique/Classic Cars 30  
Car/Trucks Rental 40  
Pickup/Truck Rental 50  
Vans 60  
Commercial Vehicles 70  
Motorcycles 80  
Utility Trailers 90  
Boats/Motors 100  
Boat/Canoe Rental 110  
Aircraft 120  
Misc. Vehicles 130  
Auto Repair/Parts 140  
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Auto Parts/Rep. 160  
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